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A Resolution

There are recycling programs in 42 other states with effective approaches to diverting waste from the solid waste stream. Colorado needs to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Currently there are several bills in the legislature that would help with recycling in Colorado. SB186, sponsored by Senator Ruddick, would establish a Solid Waste Advisory Council to use funds for research in the development of markets and by using tax credits and business incentives to recruit companies into the state that will manufacture with recyclable bringing much needed jobs and revenue. SB186 also sets solid waste diversion goals recommended by the Governor's Solid Waste Task Force, bringing Colorado into the middle range of all states.

Whereas the diversion of solid waste from landfills through recycling, source reduction, and other strategies is important to the conservation of resources and preservation of the environment; and

Whereas diversion goals encourage recycling and source reduction and 42 other states have diversion/recycling goals; and

Whereas at least one half of the operating landfills across the state are predicted to close due to the inability to comply with federal health and safety laws and landfill management will cost taxpayers millions of dollars over the next decade; and

Whereas the expansion of recycling in Colorado could benefit directly and indirectly the University of Colorado from the technical and financial assistance that recycling legislation would stimulate.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

SECTION 1: The UCSU Legislative Council supports statewide recycling legislation, including SB186--"The Colorado Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Act," and calls upon our state officials to adopt the following policies:

.Market Development for Recycled Materials
Colorado should make market development for

collected materials a priority by directing the Office of Business Development to recruit companies that will manufacture products made from recycled materials and should establish a statewide funding mechanism to fund market development and other solid waste management needs through loans and grants as outlined in SB186.

.Increased Collection of Recyclables


Colorado should establish a statewide goal of diverting 25% of the solid waste stream by 1995, a goal of diverting 50% by the year 2000 as well as a Solid Waste Advisory Council to coordinate solid waste management and recycling programs.

."Buy Recycled" Policies

Government agencies should develop expanded "Buy Recycled" policies, including materials in addition to paper, as a means to encourage the use and manufacturing of recycled products, thereby creating new markets for recycled materials.

SECTION 2: This resolution takes effect upon passage.

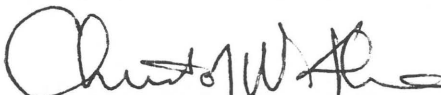
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