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52 Legislative Council Bill #14

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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Bill History

This bill may be known as the UCSU Budget Process Revitalization Act of 2000. Finance Board and Legislative Council does not experience reconciliation for the yearly budget process. Effectively, the budgets of each cost center are passed for two readings and then the final student fee is created by Student Organization Finance Office external from Finance Board and Legislative Council deliberations. This serves to shift control over the final student fee increase from the hands of the students to SOFO. Certainly, SOFO has served the students well in far past and recent history, and there is no reason to think that they wouldn't continue to do so. Students, though, should do everything possible to maximize their influence in the budget process, however, and the addition of a third, reconciliation reading of the total student fee budget is one way to do this.

Bill Summary

This bill creates a third, reconciliation reading for the total student fee package. After second readings by Legislative Council, SOFO will create a spreadsheet with the proposed student fee package for the fiscal year under discussion. Legislative Council will consider this spreadsheet and make adjustments accordingly to reach to student fee increase that Council wants. After approval by Legislative Council, the product of the third, reconciliation hearing will be forwarded to the Executives for recommendation or veto to the Board of Regents, under the auspices of the UCSU-Chancellor Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1: After second readings of the yearly student fee budgets by Legislative Council, SOFO will create a spreadsheet with the proposed student fee package for the fiscal year under discussion.

SECTION 2: Legislative Council will consider this spreadsheet and make adjustments accordingly to reach to reach the desired student fee increase.

SECTION 3: After approval by Legislative Council, the product of the third, reconciliation hearing will be forwarded to the Executives for recommendation or veto to the Board of Regents, under the auspices of the UCSU-Chancellor Agreement.

SECTION 4: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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02-24-00	Passed 2 nd Reading	7-5-3

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