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A BILL

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**Bill History**

KVCU Radio is a cost center of UCSU. KVCU began as KUCB. As such, until 1998, it was only heard on campus via a carrier current. As a cost center, KUCB's annual budget was around \$70,000. In 1997, a company called Jacor Communications donated the license for 1190 AM and a transmitter in Boulder to the University of Colorado Foundation. The KUCB people, UCSU and the journalism school all negotiated at that point about what should be done with the station. They eventually agreed that the station would be student run but managed by a professional general manager. The programming would be created by and for the students and the community. Since this time the station has grown as a UCSU cost center to have an annual budget of \$298,000, about \$140,000 of this is received from UCSU. The remainder is funded from a referendum, and the station's own fundraising. While at one time, the station received funding through the journalism school. However, that funding ended about two years after KUCB became KVCU.

Yet the radio is still asked to pay rent in the amount of \$14,235 a year (\$9.25 per square foot of space).

It is tradition of UCSU that no cost center is asked to pay rent to reside within the UMC. This is evidenced by centers such as WRC, Environmental Center, Cultural Events Board, UCSU proper, as well as other local governments like UGGS and Arts and Sciences.

The issue of charging one cost center and not all may also raise a constitutional question of equal protection. Where similarly situated entities are not treated similarly, a violation of equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution may be implicated.

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**Bill Summary**

This bill mandates that KVCU Radio 1190 will receive treatment equal to any other cost center housed in the UMC. As such, KVCU will be exempted from paying rent to operate out of UMC.

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THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDENT UNION, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** In all respects, KVCU Radio 1190 will be treated and regulated with respect to issues of housing as any other cost center located in the UMC.

**SECTION 2.** As such KVCU Radio 1190 is exempted from paying rent to operate out of the UMC.

**SECTION 3.** The UMC will receive a SOR allocation of \$20,800 for FY 2002-2003 to subsidize anticipated KVCU rent losses.

**SECTION 4.** This bill supercedes any previous contrary bills regarding KVCU Radio 1190.

**SECTION 5.** This bill takes effect in April 2003.

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