February 17, 2010 74 LCB08 ― Rec Center Renovation Bill

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**Bill History**

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University of Colorado at Boulder students have a lengthy history of supporting the development, operation, and renovation of the campus recreation facilities for the enrichment of current and future CU generations. In 1968, CU students voted to support the construction of one of the first and largest student-fee funded recreation center in the nation. When this center was opening in 1973, it was considered a state-of-the-art center. The center became an integral part of student life, as student recreation user numbers and campus enrollment continued to grow. Quality programs were developed, and participation at the Recreation Center exceeded the facilities’ ability to meet the demands of students and staff. In 1989, students voted again to expand and improve facilities and the new Recreation Center addition opened in 1990. The new space was well received, but immediately filled to capacity with student users and new programs. As a result of this heightened demand, the 2003 Recreation Services Feasibility Study was conducted. In 2004, a positive student referendum followed by UCSU (now CUSG) approval led to a construction project that partially addressed the identified needs for the enhanced outdoor recreation facilities.

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**Bill Summary**

This bill grants the University of Colorado at Boulder student body the opportunity to vote, via campus-wide ballot initiative, on whether or not to increase future student fee dollars.

**BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Government, THAT:**

Section 1: This bill places on the Spring 2011 CUSG ballot the following ballot initiative: “Do you, as a University of Colorado-Boulder student, approve an increase in funding for the extensive renovation and expansion project of the University of Colorado Recreation Center at the rate of $121-125 ($102-104 for construction bonds and $19-21 for operations) per student, per semester, beginning Fall 2013 in student fee dollars and spanning a period of 25 years?

Fee Structure: The fee assessed to students enrolled in more than one class or more than 5 credit hours will be between $121-125.  All students enrolled in one class of 5 credits hours or less will pay between $102-104.  All post-comprehensive exam doctoral students, "D" status, will pay $0.”

Section 2: This ballot initiative, upon passage, is a binding agreement between the University of Colorado-Boulder student body, the University of Colorado Student Government (CUSG), and the University of Colorado Recreational Center.

Section 3: This bill takes effect upon final passage by Legislative Council and upon obtaining the signatures of the University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council President and University of Colorado Student Government Executives.

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**Vote Count**

**02/17/2011 Passed on 1st reading 16-0-2**

**02/24/2011 Amended student fee structure Acclamation**

**02/24/2011 Passed on 2nd reading 15-0-2**

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