



Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council

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77LCR04 – ASSET

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A Resolution to Support the ASSET Bill

Resolution History

The ASSET bill, Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow, formerly known as Senate Bill 12-015 was first introduced to the Colorado General Assembly on January 11th, 2012 and then reintroduced after a Fiscal Impact on April 12th, 2012. The bill passed the Senate Third Reading on April 09th, 2012 with a vote of 20-14. Then the bill was referred to the Education Committee and passed with a vote of 7-6 on April 24th, 2012. The bill was then referred to the Finance Committee where it was postponed indefinitely with a vote of 7-6 on April 26th, 2012.

Resolution Summary

This resolution supports the reintroduction of the ASSET bill to the 69th Colorado General Assembly beginning on January 09th, 2013. Furthermore, this resolution supports the passage of the ASSET bill through the Colorado General Assembly.

Whereas, ASSET creates a new category of tuition called the Standard-Rate tuition that would be set at the in-state tuition rate without the state-funded COF reduction;

Whereas, to qualify for the Standard-Rate tuition, the student must have completed a minimum of three years at a public or private Colorado high school; graduated from a Colorado high school or obtained a GED or equivalent; and apply and be admitted within one year of graduating;

Whereas, institutions of higher education may opt-out of the Standard-Rate tuition program;

Whereas, Colorado ranks 49th in the nation for funding to higher education institutions and 32nd for sending their high school graduates to an institution of higher education;

Whereas, ASSET would provide \$4 million per year for Colorado higher education institutions;

Whereas, Colorado taxpayers would not incur any costs associated with ASSET;

Whereas, Colorado is one of four states that currently legally prohibits in-state tuition for undocumented students;

Whereas, Colorado is one of only three states that would be unable to implement the DREAM Act without State legislation;

Whereas, ASSET does not change the way colleges or universities accept and enroll students, it only deals with the tuition aspect after they are already admitted;

Whereas, the Boulder County Commissioners, Boulder District Attorney's Office, City of Boulder, and University of Colorado Board of Regents have all endorsed ASSET;

Whereas, 12 states currently provide in-state tuition rates to undocumented students including Oklahoma, Texas, California, and Kansas;

Whereas, ASSET would make higher education at the University of Colorado Boulder accessible to more student considering the Standard-Rate tuition rate for a student taking two semesters with a total of 30 credit hours for 2011-2012 would be \$11,012 compared to \$30,330 for Out of State Tuition;

Whereas, according to Article 26 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations states that, "Everyone has the right to education." and, "...higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government, **THAT:**

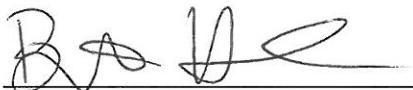
Section 1: The Legislative Council and CUSG will formally support the introduction of ASSET to the 69th Colorado General Assembly and its successful passage therein.

Section 2: Upon passage, this resolution will be distributed to the Intercampus Student Forum, the University of Colorado Board of Regents, and local media.

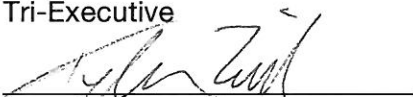
Section 3: This resolution shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count

11/01/2012	Motion to approve	
11/01/2012	Move to bundle additional sponsors	Acclamation
11/01/2012	Move to add bundle	Acclamation
11/01/2012	Final vote to pass on 1 st reading	11-3-2
11/08/2012	Passed on 2 nd reading	12-2-4



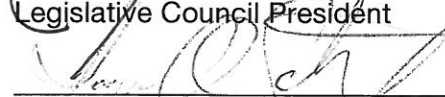
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