

**Resolution Status: Passed**

# Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

## University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council

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### A Resolution in Support of Recycling Initiatives

#### Resolution History

The University of Colorado Boulder has a deep and dedicated history of improving its environmental policy. In 1976, the University of Colorado Boulder Recycling Center, now known as the Recycling Operations Center (ROC), was established to increase recycling efforts on campus. Throughout its history, it has seen and implemented a push towards a zero-waste campus. Currently, the University of Colorado Boulder is committed to a zero-waste goal by 2025. However, to achieve bin parity, a goal of consolidating trash bins outside of individual rooms is necessary along with providing up to date information regarding what can and can't be recycled.

## **Resolution Summary**

**Whereas**, the University of Colorado Boulder is committed to a zero-waste campus by 2025 and;

**Whereas**, the Environmental Center, Recycling Operations Center, and Facilities Management oversee this policy and;

**Whereas**, part of a zero-waste campus is increasing accessibility to recycling services and;

**Whereas**, CU should strive for bin parity while also supporting recycling initiatives and;

**Whereas**, there are buildings on campus that do not have bin parity but can by consolidating bins to common areas and hallways;

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

### **Section 1: Definitions**

**Section 1.1:** A “waste bin” is any of the following: trash bin, paper bin, or plastic bin.

**Section 1.2:** “Bin parity” is the concept of having a paper bin and plastic bin where there is a trash bin.

**Section 2:** The University of Colorado Boulder Student Government calls on the Environmental Center, the Recycling Operations Center, Facilities Management, and the building managers of all campus buildings to pursue bin parity by enacting the following plan.

**Section 2.1:** A campus wide audit of waste bin locations should be performed by building managers and all other relevant staff in collaboration with the Environmental Center.

**Section 2.2:** Waste bin audit data should be sorted for individual classroom trash bins, excluding lecture halls that accommodate over 100 occupants.

**Section 2.3:** Trash bins should be removed from the individual classrooms found in Section 2.2.

**Section 2.4:** Waste bins should be added/removed from hallways/common areas in accordance with bin parity.

**Section 3:** The University of Colorado Boulder Student Government also calls on the Environmental Center, Facilities Management, and the building managers of all campus buildings to ensure all informational signage is up to date with the latest Environmental Center standards.

**Section 4:** The relevant parties affected by this legislation that shall be notified upon its passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without actions by the Tri-Executives are: **Environmental Center, Recycling Operations Center, Facilities Management, and the building managers of all campus buildings.**

**Section 5:** This resolution shall take effect upon final passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without actions by the Tri-Executives.

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#### Vote Count:

Date	Motion	Vote
9/11/2025	Introduction	N/A
9/18/2025	First Reading	Acclamation
09/25/2025	Second Reading	Postponed
10/02/2025	Second Reading	Postponed
10/23/2025	Second Reading	Acclamation

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Appendix A  
Research Studies