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56 Legislative Council Bill #1

**University of Colorado
Student Union**

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

The University of Colorado at Boulder and UCSU lead the nation in implementing many important environmental programs. UCSU has expressed support for continuing to exemplify environmental standards for other universities and departments within CU Boulder. One important role of UCSU is the promotion and practice of responsible use of resources. In the past, the actions of UCSU have shown support for increasing their use of recycled products. Recycled paper products in the market now have similar quality and price of other products that contain less post-consumer recycled content. The 200-2001 Consumption Report results show the feasibility of requiring all Cost Centers to use only 100% post-consumer copy paper for all standard printing and copying. Currently, six of the UCSU Cost Centers use 100% post-consumer copy paper for all standard copying and printing. The estimated increased costs for the remaining Cost Centers is very minimal. Establishing a copy paper policy would enable UCSU to exemplify responsible consumption to other departments and organizations on the Boulder campus.

BILL SUMMARY

- Whereas:** the University of Colorado at Boulder has been, and continues to be an environmental leader.
- Whereas:** buying recycled products saves natural resources, energy, clean air and water, landfill space, money and creates jobs.
- Whereas:** high-quality and low cost brands of 100% post-consumer copy paper are readily available for purchase.
- Whereas:** six of the UCSU Cost Centers are currently using only 100% post-consumer copy paper.
- Whereas:** the cost of replacing current paper use with complete use of 100% post-consumer copy paper is minimal
- Whereas:** UCSU's support of a copy paper policy would encourage other departments and organizations within the University to reevaluate their paper use.
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BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

Section 1: All UCSU Cost Centers must use 100% post-consumer copy paper for all standard printing and copying on white paper. Standard jobs do not include copies on colored paper, bound print jobs or the use of letterhead.

Section 2: Letterhead paper must contain at least 30% post-consumer content.

Section 3: Major print jobs, including colored fliers and any bound job, must utilize paper with at least 30% post-consumer content.

Section 4: This policy takes effect at the beginning of the 2002-2003 budget cycle.

Section 5: This bill shall take effect upon passage.

November 29, 2001 1st Reading

December 8, 2001 2nd Reading