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**SENATE BILL  2023-24-10**

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| Date Presented:   January 26th, 2024 | **A Bill to Abolish the Finance and Funding Religious Services and Ceremonies Exclusion Policy** |
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WHEREAS, the CU Denver Student Government Association (SGA) Finance and Funding Committee has a duty to adhere to all state and federal laws, and;

WHEREAS, the Finance and Funding Committee has received several budget requests that include religious services or ceremonies in the current year that have been reviewed based off this policy, and;

WHEREAS, thorough review from the CU Denver Legal Counsel has resulted in advising that this policy be terminated due to changes in case law of the judicial system, and;

WHEREAS, freedom of speech and religion is paramount to the CU Denver SGA, and;

WHEREAS, abolishing this policy will ensure that student organizations can finance activities that express their freedom of speech and religion, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance and Funding Guidelines will be updated to remove all exclusions of religious services and ceremonies.

Ratified by Senate:

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