



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*84<sup>th</sup> Session, 2016-2017*

## A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF A UNIVERSITY HARD WAIVER INSURANCE POLICY

Resolution Number: 107

Authored By: Senators Duvall and Blair

Sponsored By: The Committee on Safety Sustainability and Wellness

*Whereas*, Health insurance has become a national issue since the passing of the Affordable Healthcare Act;

*Whereas*, The University of Nevada, Reno offers health insurance to students;

*Whereas*, many other universities not only provide health insurance, but also enforce it as a mandatory or hard waiver fee;

*Whereas*, the issue of providing insurance to both undergraduate and graduate students is becoming increasingly difficult;

*Whereas*, National policy regarding Health Care is subject to change as a result of a new Federal administration;

*Whereas*, more data must be collected before an educated decision can be made regarding the conversion of the University of Nevada, Reno's policy on health insurance from an optional system to a hard waiver system;

*Be it resolved that*, until new information can be presented, the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada does not recommend the adoption of a hard waiver insurance policy;

*Be it further resolved that*, the Senate requests that the Office of Student Persistence Research conducts further research to collect data pertinent to the questions listed in Addendum A;

*Be it further resolved that,* the 85th Session of the Senate is requested to reconsider the adoption of a hard waiver health insurance policy for undergraduate students attending the University of Nevada Reno once more information is presented to the Senate;

*Be it further resolved that,* a copy of this resolution be sent to President Marc Johnson, The Director of Student Persistence Research Jennifer Lowman, and the Speaker of the 85<sup>th</sup> Senate Session.

\Adopted in Senate on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attest:

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Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate

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Noah Teixeira, Speaker of the Senate

## Addendum A

- How many undergraduate students have some form of health insurance coverage? How many undergraduate students do not have any form of health insurance coverage?
- How many undergraduate students attending the University of Nevada, Reno opt into the University Health Insurance plan.
- What percentage of undergraduate students are aware of the current university health insurance plan that is available for students?
- What percentage of students would be adversely affected by a hard waiver insurance policy? And of those students, how many most likely would not have attended the University of Nevada, Reno had that policy already been in place?
- What percentage of undergraduate students are in favor of a hard-waiver University Health Insurance policy?
- What percentage of undergraduate students are in favor of keeping a University Health Insurance option?