



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BILL PROVIDING TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE PAID INTERNSHIPS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Resolution Number: 114

Authored By: Senator Jordan

Sponsored By: Director of Legislative Affairs Charles

*Whereas*, there are currently no tax deductions provided to businesses 1 who provide paid internships to university students through the Pack Internship Grant Program or any other NSHE program;

*Whereas*, businesses should be incentivized by receiving a tax deduction from the Nevada Commerce Tax for providing paid internships to university students within the NSHE system;

*Whereas*, the Pack Internship Grant Program currently provides over fifty (50) paid internships to students at twelve (12) dollars an hour for a maximum of one-hundred-and-twenty (120) hours equaling one thousand four hundred and forty (1440) dollars total payment;

*Whereas*, the Nevada Commerce Tax to date has brought in eight-1 hundred-and-ninety-nine thousand-eight-hundred (899,800) dollars in revenue;

*Whereas*, the Nevada Commerce Tax could provide two-hundred-and-seventy-eight (278) paid internships across NSHE, disbursed at twelve (12) dollars an hour for a maximum of one-hundred and-twenty (120) hours for four-hundred-thousand (400,000) dollars (less than one half of the Nevada Commerce Tax Revenue);

*Whereas*, more than nine-hundred (900) students applied through the Pack Internship Grant Program for the 2016-2017 academic year, therefore indicating an extreme need for paid internship opportunities at the University of Nevada, Reno;

*Whereas*, there are currently no other paid internship programs in any other NSHE institution, despite the more than one-hundred-and-seven-thousand-six-hundred-and-thirty-seven (109,706) students enrolled in the system as of fall 2016;

*Be it resolved*, that the Senate of the Associated Students, encourages the Nevada state legislature to develop a tax deduction incentive for students at the University of Nevada, Reno and all other NSHE institutions in the 2019 legislative session;

*Be it further resolved that*, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Director of Legislative Affairs Veronica Charles, President Johnson, Vice President Shannon Ellis, Assemblywoman Amber Joiner, Senator Julia Ratti, Constance Brooks, UNLV Director of Legislative Affairs Fabian Donate, and Acting NSHE Chancellor John White.

Adopted in Senate on April 5<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

