

Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center Room 426

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

2. ROLL CALL*

3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak

4. MINUTES

a. **Minutes from the Meeting on January 29, 2019**

- a. The Committee will discuss and offer any opposition to the minutes in the form of a corrective amendment. The Committee will then proceed to vote on approving the draft minutes as record.

5. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Director of Legislative Affairs will provide a report regarding upcoming projects, legislation, etc.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to be discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **S. Res. 86- A Resolution in Support of AB 133**

The Committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

b. **Senator Updates**

Each Senator will give a report on their actions since the last meeting and what they have been working on.



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9. ADJOURNMENT

10. NOTES.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

**S. Res. 86-
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF AB-133**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 6, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DOBBS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution in Support of AB - 133

1 *Whereas*, nationally, Nevada has the fastest growing homeless youth population and funding
2 pathways that do not align with the federal government;

3 *Whereas*, the Eddy House in Reno is the only drop in center for homeless youth in Northern
4 Nevada;

5 *Whereas*, the Eddy House served 682 homeless youth ages 18 through 24 in 2018; of these youth
6 71% are from Washoe County and 8% are from rural Nevada¹;

7 *Whereas*, the reasons youth experience homelessness differs from adult populations. Youth in
8 the Eddy House encounter homelessness due to abuse in the home, domestic violence in the home
9 and drug use in the home¹;

¹ http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=10808

1 *Whereas*, less than 8% of homeless youth access the adult system out of fear and distrust for
2 both systems and adults. It is a recommended best practice when working with homeless youth to
3 separate services from the adult homeless population¹;

4 *Whereas*, including youth through age 24 in youth specialized programs follows best practice
5 recommendations for working with homeless youth;

6 Whereas, evidence has shown that if you can intervene in the life of a homeless youth before
7 they reach age 25, 85% go on to be productive members of the community¹;

8 Whereas, scientific evidence has suggested that the adolescent brain is not fully developed at age
9 18 and continues to mature into an individual's mid-twenties²;

10 *Whereas*, Assembly Bill 133 seeks to amend NRS 244.429, making Nevada's definition of
11 homeless youth align with the federal definition to include youth through age 24;

12 *Whereas*, this change makes agencies such as Reno's Eddy House eligible for federal grant
13 funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and creates
14 opportunities for counties to implement more programs with HUD funding;

15 *Whereas*, AB-133 does not require counties to divert funds from other areas but instead creates a
16 path for grants to be placed in the right spot¹;

17 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno is in support of the
18 passage of AB-133 by the Nevada State Legislature;

19 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, a copy of this resolution be sent to
20 University President Marc Johnson, Mayor Hillary Schieve, Governor Steve Sisolak and all members
21 of the 80th Legislative Session of the state of Nevada.

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² Johnson, S. B., Blum, R. W., & Giedd, J. N. (2009). Adolescent maturity and the brain: the promise and pitfalls of neuroscience research in adolescent health policy. *The Journal of adolescent health* : official publication of the Society for Adolescent Medicine, 45(3), 216-21.