



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

87th Session, 2019-2020

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB178 WHICH CREATES THE COUNCIL ON FOOD SAFETY AND THE FOOD FOR PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILLS PROGRAM

Resolution Number: 56

Authored By: Senator Donohue

Sponsored By: 2019-2020 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, SB178 will create the Council on Food Security and the Food for People, Not Landfills Program;

Whereas, the Council on Food Security would consist of a diverse membership, including, but not limited to, members of Nevada government, representatives of rural and urban areas, and members of food banks in northern and southern Nevada;

Whereas, in 2017, there were 365,160 food insecure people in Nevada;¹

Whereas, in 2016, Pack Provisions conducted a study and found that 1 in 5 students at the University of Nevada, Reno is facing food insecurity;²

Whereas, 12.1% of households in Nevada have food insecurity;³

Whereas, the Council on Food Security would be within the Department of Health and Human services, who did not reach their 2013 benchmark of reducing food insecurity in Nevada to 6% by 2018;⁴

¹ “Map the Meal Gap”, Feeding America, 2017

² KUNR - <https://www.kunr.org/post/look-food-insecurity-unr-students#stream/0>

³ “Overall-HWC in Nevada in 2018,” America’s Health Rankings, 2018

⁴ “Food Insecurity in Nevada,” Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, 23 January 2013

Whereas, creation of Nevada’s Food for People, Not Landfills Program would help progress the EPA’s goal of reducing food waste by half from 218.9 pounds a person to 109.4 pounds a person by 2030;⁵

Whereas, the Director of the Food for People, Not Landfills Program would be able to create unique goals and objectives for 5 years to help with reduction of food waste;

Be it resolved that, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the passing of SB178 to create the Council on Food Security and the Food for People, Not Landfills Program;

Be it further resolved that, this resolution be sent to Assemblywoman Cohen, chair for the Committee on Assembly Health and Human Services, and the Director of Legislative Affairs.

Adopted in Senate on May 15th, 2019

Attest:

Frida Urena, Secretary of the Senate

Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the Senate

⁵ “United States 2030 Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal,” Environmental Protection Agency, 16 September 2015



From: John Steven Donohue, Community Health Sciences

TO: Speaker Hughes

Date: May 9th, 2019

RE: May 15th, 2019

Speaker Hughes,

I request fast tracking of S. Res. 87- in support of SB178 because it is a resolution regarding one of the 87th Session's Legislative Priorities, and it is reaching the end of the Nevada Legislative Session.

Respectfully,

John Steven Donohue

Senator for the College of Community Health Sciences

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