

# 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Senate Secretaries

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\***

**3. ROLL CALL\***

Roll Call must be listed by Senate Secretaries

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

**5. 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 Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

**6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

- a. Resignation of Andrea Godoy, Senate Secretary
- b. Resignation of Victoria Yeghiayan, Senator Elect for the College of Liberal Arts

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Anthony Martinez
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Nicole Flangas
- c. Chief of Staff

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- d. Director of Campus and Public Relations
- e. Attorney General
- f. Elections Chair
- g. Director of Programming
- h. Director of Sustainability
- i. Director of Wellness
- j. Director of Legislative Affairs
- k. Director of Diversity and Inclusion
- l. Director of Clubs and Organizations
- m. Chief Justice

## **8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES\***

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Harvey
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Prempeh
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Doyle
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Supple
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Westerman
- f. Chair, Committee on the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness
- g. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Rogers
- h. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Senator Murphy
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Hughes

## **9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

The Speaker shall recognize in turn senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

## **10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

## **11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 18th, 2019:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF DAVIS FLORENCE TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS

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241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action

- ii. **NOMINATION OF GABRIELLE LEW TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF EVENT PROGRAMMING** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.
- iii. **NOMINATION OF AUSTIN BROWN TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AID** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action
- iv. **NOMINATION OF OMAR MOORE TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action

## **12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES**

The members of the Committee may caucus during the meeting to make a recommendation to the Senate as to who should be the Chairperson of each committee. Then, the Senate will consider a resolution to appoint Senators to committees of the Senate established by the Rules of the Senate.

The Senate shall elect Chairpersons and Senators to the following standing and special committees:

- a. Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

*The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033, of certain individuals during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the Senate may not close the meeting.*

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### **13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

### **14. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

### **15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.R. 87 –A Resolution in Support of SB254
- b. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of AB 142-Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases with DNA Evidence

### **16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

- a. S.R. 87 –A Resolution in Support of SB254
- b. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of AB 142-Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases with DNA Evidence

For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.

### **17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee. There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

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## **18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.R. 87 –A Resolution in Support of SB254
- b. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of AB 142-Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases with DNA Evidence

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## **19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **a. Senator Reports**

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

### **b. Senate Committee Changes**

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments

## **20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

## **21. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

## **22. ADJOURNMENT**

*Notes:*

*Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair.*

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**TO:** Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the 87<sup>th</sup> Senate Session  
Senators of the 87<sup>th</sup> Senate Session

**FROM:** Andrea Godoy, Senate Secretary of the 87<sup>th</sup> Senate Session

**DATE:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**RE:** Resignation

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Speaker Hughes,

Unfortunately, I must resign from my position as Secretary of the Senate due to my upcoming graduation in May and conflicts I face with my student teaching. My last official day will be in May so that I may continue working with the next Secretary of the Senate for a more seamless transition.

I am grateful that I stumbled upon some silly Committee Secretary job listing forever ago in October of 2014. This position has enriched my life personally and professionally and having worked with five different Speakers of the Senate and several different Senators from the 82<sup>nd</sup>-86<sup>th</sup> Sessions has given me patience, taught me a lot about my leadership styles, and most importantly given me the opportunity to grow as a person. Throughout my time here, I complained about each and every of my Senators, but I loved working with them all (though some more than others). My tenure in ASUN has resulted in some of my best memories and given me some of my best friends.

Even though I will miss ASUN, the Center for Student Engagement, and the University, I can say with absolute certainty that I WILL NOT miss typing out minutes for a three hour Senate meeting or receiving emails about outreach hours that were done but not documented.

To President Martinez, thank you for you all that you did for me. I would not have survived the 86<sup>th</sup> session with my sanity if it hadn't been for you. Your patience and understanding was my saving grace when I was ready to rip my hair out because Senators complained and yet, they asked no questions. Vice President Flangas, your candor at the table has made long Senate meetings enjoyable. I never quite got good enough to type at "Flangas speed", but I promise I'll keep practicing. Speaker Hughes, I'm so proud of you! You've come a long way since we started the 86<sup>th</sup> session and I'm so excited to see you continue your journey in ASUN. It's a shame I'm graduating in that we would have made a great team...but, I'm not sorry enough to stay. Thank you for taking time to meet with me, letting me vent about certain committee Chairs, and most importantly being my friend. Finally, Dr. Beattie. You are truly an unsung hero in ASUN and CSE. Your advice to me has been so good that I often find myself thinking WWJD (What Would James Do) when I'm dealing with difficult students. Every time you called, texted, emailed, or stopped by the office looking for me I had a small heart-attack thinking I was being fired. Now, I hope you call me and keep me updated. Thank you for working so hard to help me change the culture surrounding the Secretaries.

Good luck to ASUN, and especially to Senate; you have always been my favorite branch of government. May you continue to change the University for the better.

Thank you,

**Andrea Godoy**  
ASUN Senate Secretary  
87th Senate Session for the Associated Students of the University of  
Nevada 3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union | Mailstop 058  
The University of Nevada Reno  
Reno, NV 89557

Hello everyone,

I regret to inform you of my resignation as an ASUN senator of the 87th session. I was honored to have been elected but I realized that I was not taking care of myself mentally, leaving me unable to perform the duties of senate to my fullest potential which also hindered my academic performance. Senate and every other position in ASUN requires 110% which I am no longer able to give. I encourage you all to reach out to me and keep in touch for anything you may need and to hear about your amazing accomplishments. Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to seeing what great things you do this session.

Love you all, Victoria Yeghiayan



FROM: Anthony Martinez, President  
TO: Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the ASUN Senate  
DATE: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
RE: Nominations to Association Offices

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To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individuals to their respective offices:

1. Nomination of Davis Florence to the office of Director of the Department of Clubs and Organizations.
2. Nomination of Gabrielle Lew to the office of Director of The Department of Event Programming.
3. Nomination of Austin Brown to the office of Chief Presidential Aide.
4. Nomination of Omar Moore to the office of Attorney General.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Martinez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Anthony Martinez**

President

*The Associated Students of the University of Nevada*





From: Speaker Pro Tempore Murphy, College of Business

TO: Speaker Hughes

Date: 4/18/19

RE: Senate Meeting 4/24/19

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Speaker Hughes,

Please allow this legislation to be fast tracked to the ASUN Senate as it needs to be submitted and ready to lobby for the Nevada State Legislature in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Keegan C. Murphy

Speaker Pro Tempore, College of Business

Senate of the Associated Students

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2019-2020

**S. Res. 87-**

**A Resolution in Support of SB254**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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APRIL 18, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MURPHY, SENATOR WESTERMAN, AND SENATOR YANG  
TO THE ASUN SENATE

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**A Resolution in Support of SB254**

1       *Whereas*, SB254 is an act relating to greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the State Department of  
2 Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual report concerning greenhouse gas emissions  
3 in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto;<sup>1</sup>

4       *Whereas*, one of ASUN’s legislative priorities from the 86<sup>th</sup> Session was to focus on sustainability  
5 and the environment;

6       *Whereas*, The University has a vested interest in the future sustainability of its campus in regard  
7 to its No Walls: 2025 Initiative; <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>SB254. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6431/Overview>

<sup>2</sup> Associated Students of the University of Nevada (2015). No Walls:2025 A Student Vision for the University of Nevada, 24-25. Retrieved from [No Walls: 2025 – A Student Vision for the University of Nevada \(PDF\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> Snyder, R. (2018, October 24). Nevada could set path for near zero emissions, significant carbon reduction under proposed bill. Retrieved from <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/nevada-could-set-path-for-near-zero-emissions-significant-carbon-reduction-under-proposed-bill>

<sup>4</sup>Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (2019, April 11). Retrieved from <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

1       *Whereas*, according to the No Walls: 2025 Initiative, “Not only will students be practicing  
2 wellness and being cognizant of their carbon footprint; they will also be an active participant in  
3 making the campus, city, and state healthier and more sustainable.”<sup>2</sup>

4       *Whereas*, carbon emissions are a form of greenhouse gases, and greenhouse gases trap heat and  
5 make the planet warmer;<sup>4</sup>

6       *Whereas*, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities in the United  
7 States is from burning fossil fuels for electricity, heat, and transportation;<sup>4</sup>

8       *Whereas*, Nevada produced 44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the year of 2013;<sup>3</sup>

9       *Whereas*, existing law requires the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to  
10 issue, at least every 4 years, a statewide inventory of greenhouse gases released in this State (Nevada),  
11 including the origins, types and amounts of the greenhouse gases, together with the Department's  
12 analysis of that information;<sup>1</sup>

13       *Whereas*, this bill requires the Department to submit an *annual report* that includes a statewide  
14 inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and a projection of annual greenhouse gas emissions in this  
15 State for the 20 years immediately following the date of the report;

16       *Whereas*, it is in the students and Universities best interest to have an annual report submitted by  
17 the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in order to create more sustainable  
18 programs and projects that reduce the student carbon footprint and the carbon footprint of all  
19 Nevada residents;

20       *Whereas*, an annual report will provide a more precise and consistent reflection of carbon  
21 emissions which will prompt student lifestyle changes in order to accommodate the lowering of  
22 greenhouse gas emissions;

23       *Whereas*, for each year of the inventory and projection, this bill also requires a statement of the  
24 sources and amounts of greenhouse gas emissions in this State and the sources and amounts of

1SB254. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6431/Overview>

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1 reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in this State from the following sectors: (1) electricity  
2 production; (2) transportation; (3) industry; (4) commercial and residential; (5) agriculture; and (6)  
3 land use and forestry;<sup>1</sup>

4 *Whereas*, each one of these state sectors directly affects each student in the Association, and that  
5 knowing about the sources and amounts of greenhouse gas emissions from each of these sectors  
6 from an annual report as opposed to a 4-year document can help each student be more cognizant of  
7 what they need to limit in terms of their consumption in order to reduce their carbon footprint.

8 *Whereas*, this bill requires the report to identify policies that could achieve reductions in  
9 greenhouse gas emissions and a qualitative assessment of whether such policies support long-term  
10 reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in this State to zero or near-zero by the year 2050;<sup>1</sup>

11 *Whereas*, long-term reduction and greenhouse gas emissions will help lower the footprint of the  
12 state of Nevada which will help slow the effects of Climate Change, a concern of many University  
13 students, especially those affected by wildfires on the West Coast due to increasing climate  
14 temperatures;

15 *Whereas*, in preparing the report, this bill requires the Department to consult with certain state  
16 agencies;

17 *Whereas*, the Public Utilities Commission, Office of Energy, and the Department of  
18 Transportation and State DMV are the stated state agencies that have an effect on the amount of  
19 carbon input into the atmosphere;<sup>3</sup>

20 *Whereas*, better communication through an annual report with these agencies will help determine  
21 policies about the reduction of carbon into the atmosphere;

22 *Be it Resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada encourages the adoption  
23 of SB254 – an act relating to greenhouse gas emissions, requiring the State Department of

1SB254. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6431/Overview>

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4 Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (2019, April 11). Retrieved from <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

- 1 Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual report concerning greenhouse gas emissions
- 2 in this State, and providing other matters properly relating thereto;
- 3 *Be it further Resolved*, this resolution be sent to the committee on Senate Growth and
- 4 Infrastructure in Carson City, NV.

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From: Izzy Westerman, College of Liberal Arts

TO: Speaker Hughes

Date: April 18, 2019

RE: April 24, 2019

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Dear Speaker Hughes,

I am requesting to fast track **SR87- A Resolution in Support of AB142 - Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases With DNA Evidence**, due to its rapid movement through the Nevada State Assembly. This Bill hits the Assembly floor very soon and in order to lobby on behalf of 18,000 undergraduate students whom many of which this Bill would greatly affect, this resolution must be seen by the Senate of the Associated Students as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Izzy Westerman

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

Senate of the Associated Students

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2019-2020

**S. Res. 87-**

**A Resolution in Support of AB-142 – Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases With DNA Evidence**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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APRIL 18, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR WESTERMAN TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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**A Resolution in Support of AB-142 - Abolishing Statue of Limitations for Sexual Assault Cases With DNA Evidence**

1       *Whereas*, A.B. 142 is “an act relating to criminal procedure; eliminating the statute of limitations  
2 for the prosecution of sexual assault if the identity of the person accused of committing the crime is  
3 established by DNA evidence; and providing other matters properly relating thereto”;<sup>1</sup>

4       *Whereas*, currently after the statute of limitations has passed, a sexual assault case cannot be  
5 tried;

6       *Whereas*, the current statute of limitations is 20 years<sup>1</sup>;

7       *Whereas*, 8% of the students who participated in the University of Nevada, Reno’s Sexual  
8 Conduct & Campus Safety Survey of 2016 reported that they self-identified as victims of physical  
9 sexual assault or rape;<sup>2</sup>

10       *Whereas*, 27% of these victims told no one;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nevada Legislator, A.B. 142 Text - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6210/Text>

<sup>2</sup> University of Nevada, Reno Sexual Conduct & Campus Safety Survey of 2016 <https://www.unr.edu/Documents/student-services/student-services/Sexual%20Conduct%20and%20Campus%20Safety%202016%20Main%20Findings%20and%20Recommendations.pdf>

services/Sexual%20Conduct%20and%20Campus%20Safety%202016%20Main%20Findings%20and%20Recommendations.pdf

1        *Whereas*, sexual assaults occur at high rates yet are rarely reported to the authorities for various  
2 reasons including fear of not being believed or being derogated. Additionally, many victim of sexual  
3 assault do not realize what happened to them falls under the legal definition of sexual assault due to  
4 self-blame, potentially causing victims not to report or fail to report for a delayed period of time;<sup>3</sup>

5        *Whereas*, nationally, only 23% of rapes are reported to the police, and of those reports only 5%  
6 lead to arrests, only 3.9% get referred to prosecutors, 2.2% will lead to a felony conviction, and only  
7 1.8% will lead to incarceration;<sup>4</sup>

8        *Whereas*, this contributes to the negative stigma that many victims feel that reporting, believing  
9 that the police would not or could not do anything to help<sup>5</sup>;

10       *Whereas*, there are copious instances of women coming forward after a prolonged number of  
11 years since their sexual assault and have notoriously been chastised and were not believed, such as  
12 Anita Hill with Clarence Thomas, Andrea Constand with Bill Cosby, and most recently Christine  
13 Blasey Ford with Brett Kavanaugh<sup>6</sup>;

14       *Whereas*, abolishing the statute of limitations would allow sexual assault victims an uncapped  
15 amount of time to process what happened to them;

16       *Whereas*, genetic evidence from is found from the production of “rape kits” or “Sexual Assault  
17 Evidence Kits”<sup>7</sup>;

18       *Whereas*, RAINN defines a “rape kit” as “a container that includes a checklist, materials, and  
19 instructions, along with envelopes and containers to package any specimens collected during the  
20 exam”<sup>7</sup>;

21       *Whereas*, there are currently thousands of untested rape kits sitting in vaults in the state of  
22 Nevada waiting to be tested for use in cases if reported<sup>8</sup>;

<sup>3</sup> Alcohol and Sexual Assault - National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism <https://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/arh25-1/43-51.htm>

<sup>4</sup> RAINN Criminal Justice System Statistics <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/criminal-justice-system>

<sup>5</sup> Criminal Victimization Report 2014 – US Department of Justice <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv14.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> New York Times – Why Women Can Take Years to Come Forward With Sexual Assault Allegations <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/18/us/kavanaugh-christine-blasey-ford.html>

<sup>7</sup> RAINN – What is a Rape Kit? <https://www.rainn.org/articles/rape-kit>

<sup>8</sup> Nevada CSI – Rape Kit Backlogs [https://nevadacsi.com/dna\\_rape\\_kits.html](https://nevadacsi.com/dna_rape_kits.html)

<sup>9</sup> RAINN – State by State Guidelines on Statutes of Limitations <https://www.rainn.org/state-state-guide-statutes-limitations>



1           *Whereas*, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois,  
 2   Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New  
 3   York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Washington, and  
 4   Wisconsin all already have exceptions to the statutes of limitations for sex crimes if DNA evidence is  
 5   provided<sup>3</sup>;

6           *Whereas*, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Texas, and Utah have completely abolished the  
 7   statutes of limitations for sex crimes with DNA evidence<sup>4</sup>;

8           *Whereas*, Kentucky, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming have  
 9   abolished all statutes of limitations for sex crimes<sup>5</sup>;

10          *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support AB-142;

11          *Be it further resolved that*, this resolution be sent to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

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<sup>3</sup> Alcohol and Sexual Assault - National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism <https://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/arh25-1/43-51.htm>

<sup>4</sup> RAINN Criminal Justice System Statistics <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/criminal-justice-system>

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