



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

AN ACT AMENDING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY TIMELINE

Bill Number:14

Authored By: Senator Claussen on behalf of Attorney General Schein

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, there is a deadline for the submission of the Legislative Priority Timeline to ensure these priorities are established in time for their utilization in a Legislative Session;

Whereas, currently the Department of Government Affairs prepares a list to be presented to the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, to be amended and approved;

Whereas, the current deadline of the second Wednesday of August is far too early, as most legislative bodies such Congress and the Nevada Legislature start their sessions in January or February;

Whereas, by changing the Legislative Priority deadline to the Dead Day of the Fall Semester, you enable the Department of Government Affairs to create a well-researched and up to date list of Legislative Priorities;

Whereas, this change is also in response to recommendations from the 89th Session, where the Department of Government Affairs found their Legislative Priorities to be outdated in the Spring, due to the long time gap;

Whereas, Dead Day is defined in Chapter 211: Term Limits as the “Day preceding final examinations on which the university doesn’t hold classes.”;

Be it enacted,

a) *The following addendum be adopted;*

Adopted in Senate on October 12th, 2022

Attest:

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate

Dionne Stanfill, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Addendum A

Section 01: Establishment

There is hereby established a Department of Government Affairs as an executive department of the Association.

Section 02: Mission

The primary mission of the department is:

- a) To track local, state, federal, and global legislation to ensure that students are represented fairly.
- b) To advocate on behalf of students to the Faculty Senate, University officials, City and County officials, the NSHE Office of the Chancellor, Nevada State Government and the Nevada Congressional Delegation and any other governing or legislative body that could affect students.
- c) To report to the Association on relevant legislative happenings of the aforementioned bodies, and offer possibilities for involvement or collaboration.
- d) To provide advice and recommendations to the President.
- e) To educate students about legislative issues that affects them.
- f) To execute general campaign strategies adopted by the Department of Government Affairs set forth on behalf of the Associated Students of the

University of Nevada.

g) To present to the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement with a list of recommended legislative priorities no later than **Dead Day of the Fall semester.** ~~the second Wednesday of August.~~

h) Other matters properly relating thereto.