

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S. B. 93 -
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FURTHERING
EDUCATORS FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 27TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) is committed to supporting students pursuing careers in education and addressing the statewide teacher shortage; and

Whereas, the PackTeach and NevadaTeach programs require students to complete the C-BEST or Praxis examinations as a prerequisite to enrollment in each program; and

Whereas, the cost of these examinations can create a barrier for students from low-income or underrepresented backgrounds, discouraging them from entering the teaching profession; and

Whereas, ASUN currently administers a financial assistance framework (the Passion Fund Program) that uses an established formula to determine financial need and equitable allocation of funds; and

Whereas, dedicating a portion of ASUN's budget to subsidize these critical fees will enhance access to education programs and remove barriers to teacher preparation pathways; and

Whereas, The C-Best Exam costs 30 dollars per subtest; and

Whereas, the Praxis Core Exam costs 90 dollars per subtest and \$150 for the combined test; and

Whereas, the Event Programming Budget has available funds suitable for reallocation toward programs that foster student success and professional development; and

*THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:*

Be it enacted, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada shall establish the Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program, hereinafter referred to as the “FEFW,” to provide financial support to students taking the C-BEST or Praxis exams for admission to PackTeach/NevadaTeach; and

Be it further enacted, that an amount not to exceed \$3,000 shall be reallocated from the Senate Operating and Travel Budget to fund the FEFW on an annual basis; and

Be it further enacted, that after the first year of the program, it shall be allocated funds on a needed basis each fiscal year; and

Be it further enacted, that the FEFW must be marketed and made accessible to all students upon establishment; and

Be it further enacted, that the Fee Waiver shall be awarded based on financial need using the same formula as the Passion Fund Program, and that each student may only receive the Fee Waiver no more than two (2) times during their academic career; and

Be it further enacted, that the administration of the FEFW shall follow the same application, review, and disbursement processes currently in place for the Passion Fund, with necessary modifications to accommodate testing fee payments; and

Be it further enacted, that the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on Budget & Finance, the Director of ASUN, President of ASUN, and Senator for the College of Education & Human Development shall ensure the establishment, oversight, and reporting of the FEFW, including an annual report to the Senate detailing total applications, awards granted, funds utilized, and recommendations for continuation or adjustment; and

Be it enacted that the language of Addendum A be adopted in full upon passage and approval by the President of the Associated Students;

Be it further enacted, that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, Sandra Rodriguez
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- Vice President of ASUN, Ethan McNamara
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, Leaf Acklin
- Director of Event Programming, Rilyn Krentz
- Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Donald Easton-Brooks
- Associate Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Lindsay Diamond.
- Assistant Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Diana ElAlami
- Chair of the Committee of Government Operations, Nick Bohlander
- Chair of the Committee on Budget & Finance, Logan Miceli

Addendum A

TITLE XXXI: The Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program

CHAPTER 3101: THE FURTHERING EDUCATORS FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby a service offered within the Association called the Further Educators Fee Waiver Program.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to help ease the financial burden that comes with pursuing a career in education or human development and family sciences.

SECTION 03: ADMINISTRATION

The Program shall be administered by the Center for Student Engagement and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

- a. The program shall be administered in the same fashion as the ASUN Passion Fund.
- b. Applications shall be routed to the Office of Financial Aid to review applications and measure if an applicant is financially eligible.

SECTION 04: OVERSIGHT

The program will be overseen by a number of officers to ensure that it is administered properly.

- a. The program will be overseen by the following officers
 - i. The Director of ASUN
 - ii. The Associate Director for Student Government of ASUN
 - iii. The President of ASUN
 - iv. The Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance
 - v. The Senator for the College of Education and Human Development

SECTION 05: REPORTING

The Director of ASUN shall draft and deliver a report of the program to the ASUN Senate at the end of each session.

- a. The report shall include the following total applications, awards granted, funds utilized, and recommendations for continuation or adjustment
 - i. Total applications

- ii. Awards granted
- iii. Funds utilized
- iv. Recommendations for continuation or adjustment

SECTION 06: ELIGIBILITY

A student must adhere to the following to be eligible for the fee waiver

- a. Have shown a reasonable need for financial aid as determined for by the Office of Financial Aid.
- b. Will be taking the CBest or Praxis exam to qualify for a pre-education program at the University of Nevada, Reno.
- c. Maintain at least a 2.00 GPA.

SECTION 07: REGULATION

Students that seek to use funds within the fee waiver program may only qualify for the program no more than two times.

- a. Students that must take the CBest of Praxis exam more than twice must use their own funds to take the exams after using the fee waiver two times.

SECTION 08: ADVERTISEMENT

The Director of Campus and Public Relations shall work in partnership with the Senator of the College of Education and Human Development to advertise this program every Fall Semester

- a. Marketing shall be posted within the first two months of the semester.

Addendum B

Account Number	Furthering Educators Fee Waiver			
	Operating			
	Student Support			-
	Program Support			3,000.00
	Balance Forward	3,000.00		
Total Future Program				\$3,000.00
				\$3,000
				T. Actual Dollars
				T. Allocated