



Committee on Democratic Civil Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 94th Session
Agenda for Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Joe Crowley Student Union, 4th floor, Room 406, 1664 North Virginia St.,
Reno, NV 89557)

Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85999205814?pwd=zFJlf7TGU28KeBdkh7gjT7pJSuCUPT.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date?
 - i. <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/committee-on-democratic-civic-engagement-15/>
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
- c. Is the Zoom link working and available to the public?

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.”

4. ROLL CALL

Chair Radtke
Senator Cain
Senator Castro
Senator Evans
Senator Horst
Senator Horvath
Senator Saporito
Senator Scherschel
Senator Giammona Wilber

The Secretary must list roll call.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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 actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

7. AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET 30 DAY POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW (FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

There are no minutes or audio files for previous meetings that are missing at this time.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Chair Radtke
- b. Vice Chair [VACANT]
- c. Senator Cain
- d. Senator Castro
- e. Senator Evans
- f. Senator Horst
- g. Senator Horvath
- h. Senator Saporito
- i. Senator Scherschel
- j. Senator Giammona Wilber

9. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. **S. R. 94 - A Resolution in Support of Nevada Question 6**

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
- b. Election of a Vice Chair

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTES:

Agenda items may be considered out of order at the discretion of the Chair. The committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion of an item at any time.

94th SESSION
2026-2027

**S. R. 94 -
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEVADA
QUESTION 6**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

APRIL 23RD, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BARRUS AND SENATOR
CASTRO
CO-AUTHORED BY SENATOR RADTKE

1 Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) defines reproductive health as the state
2 of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or
3 infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes¹;

4 Whereas, an aspect of reproductive freedom is having a constitutional right to make one's
5 own reproductive decisions;

6 Whereas, question 6 proposes an amendment for the right to abortion in the Nevada
7 Constitution until fetal viability, or "when to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient";

8 Whereas, the amendment would establish that this right cannot be denied, burdened, or
9 infringed upon unless justified by a *compelling state interest*;

10 *Whereas, "a compelling state interest" is defined as "an interest which is limited*
11 *exclusively to the state's interest in protecting, maintaining, or improving the health of an*
12 *individual who is seeking abortion care that is consistent with accepted clinical standards of*
13 *practice";*

14 *Whereas, the language of question 6 states, "Should the Nevada Constitution be amended*
15 *to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local*
16 *governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified health-care professional until*
17 *fetal viability, or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any*
18 *point during the pregnancy?";*

19 *Whereas, abortion is legal in Nevada up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, a protection that has*
20 *been in place since voters approved it by referendum in 1990*²

21 *Whereas, in 1990, Nevada voters approved Question 7, which upheld NRS 442.250. It*
22 *legalized abortion until 24 weeks;*

23 *Whereas, On November 5, 2024, Nevada voters passed Question 6 by 64.36%-35.64%.*

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9930478/>

² <https://legalclarity.org/is-abortion-legal-in-nevada-your-legal-rights-explained/>

24 *Whereas*, this initiated constitutional amendments need to be approved in two even-
25 numbered election years in Nevada, Question 6 will need to be passed again by voters for the
26 initiative to go into effect³;

27 *Whereas*, half the U.S. states banning or severely restricting abortion, millions of students
28 will be attending college in states without access to abortion care, leaving them with few options
29 to manage unintended pregnancies;

30 *Whereas*, more than half (55%) of the undergraduate students enrolled in college in 2023
31 were women;

32 *Whereas*, the highest rate of unintended pregnancy in the U.S. is among women 20 to 24
33 years of age⁴;

34 *Whereas*, the impacts on higher education surrounding removing abortion will fall into
35 (at least) five areas: reduced college enrollment, particularly for Black women; disruption of
36 training in medical schools; changes in on-campus student health services; reductions in out-of-
37 state enrollment in anti-abortion states; and shifts in faculty location decisions away from anti-
38 abortion states⁵;

39 *Whereas*, every person deserves access to evidence-based information about all
40 reproductive health care options, as well as the ability to obtain comprehensive reproductive care
41 throughout their lives;

42 *Whereas* healthcare should be accessible regardless of income, race or ethnicity, age,
43 sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, location, religion, criminal history, or
44 insurance coverage;

45 *Whereas* the passage of question 6 will establish a constitutional right to reproductive
46 freedom, that Nevadans have had the right to;

³ [https://ballotpedia.org/Nevada_Question_6_Right_to_Abortion_Initiative_\(2026\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Nevada_Question_6_Right_to_Abortion_Initiative_(2026))

⁴ <https://reproductiverights.org/news/college-students-abortion-access-2024/>

⁵ <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-end-of-roe-creates-new-challenges-in-higher-education/>

47 *Be it resolved*, the Associated Students at the University of Nevada, Reno, support

48 Question 6 on the Nevada Ballot;

49 *Be it further resolved* that a copy of this resolution will be sent to:

- 50 • Speaker of the Senate; Jason Issa
- 51 • President of ASUN; Dillon Moss
- 52 • Vice President of ASUN; Luke Calderon
- 53 • Director of Government Affairs; Isabelle Hatch
- 54 • Chair of The Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement; Kaylee Radtke
- 55 • Club, UNR Young Democrats;
- 56 • Club, UNR People Power;
- 57 • Club, UNR Young Democratic Socialists of America
- 58 • U.S. Senator, Nevada; Catherine Cortez Masto;
- 59 • U.S. Senator, Nevada; Jacky Rosen;
- 60 • U.S. Representative, NV-01; Dina Titus;
- 61 • U.S. Representative, NV-03; Susie Lee;
- 62 • U.S. Representative, NV-04; Steven Horsford;
- 63 • Nevada Governor; Joe Lombardo;