



**Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor, In Support of AB 230
March 6, 2025**

The [Associated Students of the University of Nevada](#) (ASUN), representing the undergraduate student body at the University of Nevada, Reno since 1898, expresses its strong support for AB 230, the adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Undergraduate students in the Speech Pathology and Audiology program at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) must complete at least a master's degree, a clinical fellowship, and state licensure before entering the profession. While UNR's graduate programs meet the educational requirements for licensure in all U.S. states, graduates must still complete state-specific licensing processes, which create financial and administrative barriers.

Currently, graduates from these advanced programs must apply separately for licensure in each state where they wish to practice, potentially delaying their ability to start jobs at a time when financial burdens are already high. This is particularly problematic for students who relocate for clinical fellowships or doctoral training but wish to return to Nevada to work.

AB 230 provides a critical solution by allowing Nevada to join the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, enabling professionals licensed in one Compact state to practice in others by notifying the Compact Commission, meeting eligibility requirements, and complying with state practice laws. This reduces administrative burdens for recent graduates and makes it easier for Nevada-trained professionals to return to practice in the state after gaining experience elsewhere.

AB 230 also allows certain licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists from other Compact member states to provide telehealth services in Nevada without obtaining a separate Nevada license, as well as professionals from Nevada to practice telehealth in other Compact states, improving access to services for patients across state lines. This is particularly valuable for Speech Pathology and Audiology students completing clinical training hours in remote settings and recent graduates providing telehealth services across state lines.

Thus, by reducing barriers to licensure, facilitating telehealth services, and expanding post-graduate career opportunities, AB 230 may strengthen Nevada's ability to retain Nevada Pathology and Audiology students post-graduation. ASUN urges the committee to pass this legislation to support the future professional success of undergraduates enrolled in this program, including ensuring they have easier access to meaningful career opportunities across the country.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kennedy Taylor'.

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