



Assembly Committee on Education In Support of AB 285
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The [Associated Students of the University of Nevada](#) (ASUN), representing the undergraduate student body at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) since 1898, expresses its strong support for AB 285, which establishes the Nevada State Service Corps to provide recent NSHE graduates with temporary service placements and mentoring opportunities within the Executive Department of the State Government.

Career development remains a top priority for UNR students. According to the [ASUN 2023 Issues & Priorities Needs Assessment](#), 41% of our students identified career development as a major concern, ranking second only to financial issues. Within this category, 33% of students cited the need for more career connections and networking opportunities, demonstrating a strong demand for structured post-graduation support.

Internships and hands-on work experience are essential to student success, yet 28% of students expressed concerns about limited internship opportunities, and 19% highlighted the need for more research experience. Furthermore, many undergraduates have expressed the need for greater integration of career-focused learning within their academic journey, including stronger connections between the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and government employers. However, financial barriers often prevent students from pursuing these often-unpaid internships or work experiences during their undergraduate experience that could help them better transition into the professional workforce after graduation. AB 285 directly addresses these concerns by establishing a formalized program to bridge the gap between class education and employment.

By providing temporary placements and mentoring opportunities in executive branch positions, this bill ensures that recent NSHE graduates ultimately have access to real-world experience that directly translates into greater employability. Additionally, by promoting full-time employment opportunities within the state government, AB 285 supports Nevada's retention of highly educated workers and encourages our graduates to contribute to its public service.

ASUN urges the committee to support this legislation to provide our graduates with the resources and experiences they need to succeed in launching a potential career in public service.

Thank you,

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

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