



UNLVCSUN
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**
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EXECUTIVE BILL 55-03

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CSUN BYLAWS AND ESTABLISH A CSUN
COMMUTER FUND SPONSORSHIP**

Bill Number: EB 55-03

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Sponsor of Legislation: University Initiatives Committee

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) represents all 25,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is “empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN”; **AND**

WHEREAS, many undergraduate students at UNLV face unexpected and ongoing transportation related financial challenges that directly affect their ability to attend classes, participate in campus life, and succeed academically; **AND**

WHEREAS, there is currently no dedicated CSUN administered financial resource to address commuting needs, especially those arising from car repairs, gas, or transit issues; **AND**

WHEREAS, the CSUN Commuter Fund aims to promote equity and access to education by alleviating unexpected commuting-related costs through need-based student funding administered in partnership with the Office of Student Support and Advocacy (OSSA); **AND**

WHEREAS, CSUN seeks to amend its bylaws and formalize this initiative through legislation that ensures transparent administration, defined eligibility criteria, and accountability in the use of student fees;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the CSUN Senate that the Chapter 1218: CSUN Commuter Fund Sponsorship be added to the CSUN Bylaws as written in Addendum A unless otherwise amended.

ADDENDUM A

CHAPTER 1218: CSUN COMMUTER FUND SPONSORSHIP

SECTION 01: PURPOSE

A. To establish a permanent funding mechanism for the CSUN Commuter Fund, designed to support undergraduate students at UNLV who are facing transportation related financial hardship.

1. The application will be established and managed by the Executive Director/designee of The Office of Student Support and Advocacy

SECTION 02: FUNDING

A. CSUN shall allocate \$15,000 annually for each academic year, split equally between the fall and spring semesters (\$7,500 per semester), within the CSUN annual budget.

B. The CSUN Commuter Fund seeks to improve student access, academic success, and retention by covering eligible commuting expenses, including but not limited to:

1. Gas and fuel expenses
2. Automobile repairs and maintenance
3. Public transit fees or rideshare services
4. Emergency transportation costs that directly affect the student's ability to attend class

C. The fund shall not be used for:

1. Repairs or purchases related to bicycles, scooters, skateboards (manual or electric), or other similar personal mobility devices
2. Vehicle modifications (Performance or Aesthetics e.g.: paint jobs, superchargers)
3. Parking Permits

D. Funds shall not exceed \$500 per semester per student with a lifetime cap of \$1,500 per student.

E. Funds are awarded based on demonstrated need such as receipts, documentation provided, and availability of funds.

F. Applications shall be administered through the Office of Student Support and Advocacy (OSSA) using their existing need-based vetting process.

1. Applications must include:

- a. A written statement of need

- b. Documentation of commuting-related expenses
- c. Proof of enrollment in at least 6 undergraduate credit hour
- d. Applicants must have a current year FAFSA or Alternate Need form on file
- e. Student must be in good standing with the university

SECTION 03: REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Office of Student Support and Advocacy (OSSA) shall submit a report to the CSUN Senate at the end of each academic semester including:
 - 1. Number of applications received
 - 2. Number of students awarded
 - 3. Average award amount
 - 4. Common uses of funds (e.g., gas, tire replacement, minor car repairs)
- B. CSUN sponsorship shall be visibly acknowledged on all application materials and promotional content.
- C. All materials must include either the CSUN logo or the phrase “UNLV CSUN” in a professional and prominent manner.
- D. For the purposes of this chapter, marketing materials shall include websites, forms, applications, digital communications, and print collateral.
- E. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the University Initiatives Committee to contact OSSA before March 31 of each fiscal year to share the most updated version of this sponsorship.

ADDENDUM B

F. STUDENT LIFE**F1. Percentages of first-time, first-year degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2024 who fit the following categories:**

	First-time, first-year students	Undergraduates
Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident from the numerator and denominator)	12.00	10.10
Percent of men who join fraternities	0.79	1.13
Percent of women who join sororities	2.66	2.56
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	20.00	4.00
Percent who live off campus or commute	80.00	96.00
Percent of students age 25 and older	0.20	12.00
Average age of full-time students	18.20	22.40
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18.20	22.40

F2. Activities offered Identify those programs available at your institution.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Ministries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literary magazine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio station
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Choral groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marching band	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concert band	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model UN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student newspaper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music ensembles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student-run film society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drama/theater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Musical theater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symphony orchestra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Student Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Opera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Television station
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jazz band	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pep band	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yearbook

F3. ROTC (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

Army ROTC is offered:

On campus
 At cooperating institution (name):

Naval ROTC is offered:

Marine Option
 On campus
 At cooperating institution (name):

Air Force ROTC is offered:

EB 55-03, ADOPTED by the Senate on this 14th Day of August, 2025

Sharon Flores, Senate President

Liana Weyand, Senate Secretary

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