CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 56-199

AN ACT TO CREATE A ONE-TIME SPONSORSHIP FOR CHAPTER 1218: COMMUTER STUDENT FUND SPONSORSHIP

Senate Bill Number: SB 56 -199
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Sponsor of Legislation: CSUN University Initiatives Committee

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WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) represents all 27,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas**;** and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 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, 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, According to data received from students provided by OSSA, during the Fall 2025-Spring 2026 funding period, a total of 82 applications were received, of which only 29 students were awarded funds and in Spring 2026 143 students applied with only 36 being awarded, leaving over 74.4% of applicants without support between both semesters; AND

WHEREAS, According to to the 2024-2025 UNLV Common Data Set under Addendum A, 93.45% of

all undergraduate students at UNLV commute to campus, and 81.67% of first-year students at UNLV commute to campus**;**

WHEREAS, the UNLV CSUN University Initiatives Committee was provided $90,000 for New One-Time Sponsorship Fund in order to be appropriated for sponsorships available within the UNLV community**; AND**

WHEREAS, the University Initiatives Committee (under the Legislative Branch of CSUN) serves to fund initiatives that promote educational development in different areas of campus; **AND**

WHEREAS, after discussion and approval from committee members during UI 56-20, funds have been approved for reallocation within the FY2027 CSUN Budget for an amount not to exceed ~~$5,000~~ $10,000**; AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: CSUN shall appropriate ~~$5,000~~ $10,000 **one** (1) time for the CSUN Commuter Fund Sponsorship for the 2026-2027 academic year, consisting of ~~$5,000~~ $10,000from the ~~–~~One-time Sponsorship. This allocation will reflect the CSUN Sponsorship for the 2026-2027 academic year only.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: The CSUN University Initiatives Committee may choose to provide funds again for the CSUN Commuter Fund Sponsorship from the One-time Sponsorship Funds in future years if the committee chooses to do so.

ADDENDUM A

CSUN Commuter Fund Presentation

SB 56-199, ADOPTED by the Senate on this

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 56-199 APPROVED on this

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Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President