

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1**  
Nevada System of Higher Education Mission Statement

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are ~~stricken~~ and bracketed]  
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**Section 1. Nevada System of Higher Education Mission Statement**

1. The mission of the Nevada System of Higher Education is to provide **higher postsecondary** education ~~[services]~~ to the citizens of the state at ~~[a high]~~ ***an excellent*** level of quality consistent with the state's resources. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, transmitting, and preserving knowledge ***throughout the region, nation, and world.*** The System ~~[endeavors to assist in providing]~~ ***provides*** an educated and technically skilled citizenry for public service, ***economic growth*** and the general welfare, ~~[to contribute toward]~~ ***contributes to*** an educated and trained workforce for industry and commerce, ~~[and to]~~ facilitates the individual quest for personal fulfillment, ***and engages in research that advances both theory and practice.***
2. ~~[The]~~ ***Sections 4 and 7 of Article 11 of the*** state constitution vests ~~[the]~~ exclusive governance and administration of the System in the Board of Regents. ~~[The]~~ ***With this constitutional authority, the*** Regents govern the ~~[system]~~ ***System*** according to the following objectives:
  - a. To ~~[provide]~~ ***promote access to*** affordable public programs of higher education ~~[in Nevada]~~ to all who can benefit from those programs.
  - b. To ensure that ~~[instructional]~~ ***all*** activities demonstrate a continued quest for ~~[academic]~~ excellence, ***economy and the balancing of basic goals that the public interest requires.***
  - c. To develop and support programs of instruction and complementary programs of basic and applied research, ~~[and]~~ scholarship, ***and public service,*** which together contribute to the cultural, economic, and social development of Nevada and the nation.
  - ~~[d. To sponsor and conduct continuing programs of public service for the citizens of the state.]~~
3. To achieve these objectives, the ~~[System]~~ ***Board of Regents*** seeks sufficient funding from the state and other sources to support programs of high quality. Further, it engages in appropriate planning activities to provide as many educational opportunities in as an effective, ~~[and]~~ efficient ***and cost-effective*** manner as possible. To this end, it provides appropriate administration to ensure coordination and accountability ***and establishes an appropriate mission statement for each institution to minimize prevent duplication and inefficiency.***