

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Handbook Revision: Technical Update to Policies Governing Discrimination
MEETING DATE: November 30/December 1, 2017

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Existing Board policy includes comprehensive provisions regarding discrimination. In 2015, the Board adopted external revisions to these provisions recommended by the NSHE Title IX Task Force to comply with the federal Violence Against Women Act. At that time, the lists of acts of unlawful discrimination throughout the Handbook were expanded to include, among other items, discrimination based on “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.”

The 2017 Legislature passed Senate Bill Chapter 197, Statutes of Nevada 2017, which revises provisions prohibiting certain discriminatory acts. In particular, Section 22 of S.B. 188 amends NRS 396.530 as follows:

S.B. 188 -Sec. 22396.530 Discrimination in admission prohibited.

The Board of Regents shall not discriminate in the admission of students on account of national origin, religion, age, physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, race or color.

System staff recommends revising Board policy under Title 4, Chapter 16 prohibiting discrimination in admission from 0.00f01 Tc 0

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 2, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10.2.1
Rules of Conduct and Procedures for Students of the Nevada System of
Higher Education— Prohibited Conduct

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POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTIONS 5, 18 AND 26
Institutional Admissions Discrimination Prohibited
(S.B. 188[Chapter 197, Statutes of Nevada 2017])

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Section 5. University Admission – General Policy

1. In the admission of students, universities shall not discriminate on the basis of a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, ~~or] sexual orientation,~~ or gender identity or expression

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Section 18. Community College Admission – General Policy

1. In the admission of students, community colleges shall not discriminate on the basis of a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, ~~or] sexual orientation,~~ or gender identity or expression

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Section 26. State College Admission – General Policy

1. In the admission of students, the state colleges shall not discriminate on the basis of a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, ~~or] sexual orientation,~~ or gender identity or expression