



## New Legislation Does Not Alter our Mission of Student Success

Dear Campus Community,

Last Friday, the Utah Legislature passed House Bill 261, which impacts the way colleges and universities address issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). If signed by the governor, as is expected to happen, the bill will become law on July 1, 2024.

UVU's Office of General Counsel and other campus leaders are studying the bill and collaborating with the Utah System of Higher Education to understand precisely what the bill's language means and what changes UVU will need to make to comply with the new law. We will share that information with you as it becomes available.

One thing that won't change is our mission as an open-admissions university to help all students succeed. Some of our programs and initiatives may have to be adjusted, but our commitment to helping individuals transform their lives through education is resolute.

Thank you for all you do to enrich the lives of our students and all members of our campus community.

Sincerely,

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