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Submitted by Nandana Jaideep, President

BOARD BILL 3.10: An Act to Donate \$10,000 to the UW Food Pantry

WHEREAS: the UW Food Pantry is a core component of the Any Hungry Husky program, ensuring that students, staff, and faculty experiencing food insecurity have access to free fresh produce, pantry staples, and hygiene products [1]; and

WHEREAS: food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect historically marginalized communities, including BIPOC, international, low-income, and first-generation students, who represent a significant share of Pantry users [1]; and

WHEREAS: the 2024 Washington Student Experience Survey found that 43% of students across the state reported experiencing food insecurity within the past 30 days, and more than half reported unmet basic needs overall [2]; and

WHEREAS: at the University of Washington, the 2024 Basic Needs Survey revealed that nearly one in four undergraduates reported skipping meals or reducing portion sizes due to financial constraints, underscoring the scale of unmet need on campus [3]; and

WHEREAS: demand for the UW Food Pantry has surged to historic highs, with over 15,000 visits during the 2024–2025 academic year, nearly triple pre-pandemic levels, and more than 375,000 pounds of food distributed since its founding in 2016 [1][4]; and

WHEREAS: inflation and rising living costs in Seattle have intensified food insecurity pressures, with the 2024 WAFOOD survey showing that over one-third of Washington households reduced their food intake because of affordability concerns [5]; and

WHEREAS: access to reliable and nutritious food is directly linked to academic success, retention, and equitable participation in campus life, making it a responsibility of ASUW to sustain and strengthen student basic needs resources; and

WHEREAS: the UW Food Pantry leads independent campaigns and partnerships to raise awareness and support, reflecting its critical and permanent role in the University's student welfare infrastructure [6];

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THAT: The ASUW Finance and Budget Director, Khushi Loomba, shall transfer \$10,000 from the ASUW General Fund to the UW Food Pantry from the ASUW's budget; and

THAT: that this allocation directly strengthens the Pantry's ability to expand access to nutritious food, hygiene products, and essential supplies at a time of record demand; and

THAT: that ASUW recognizes the Pantry as a permanent and critical resource in promoting basic needs security and commits to highlighting its services through student government programming, outreach, and partnerships; and

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance and Budget Director; Carrie Moore, Executive Director of the Husky Union Building; and Christina Coop, Associate Director for Student Activities; Trevor Hunt, Associate Director for Finance and Business Operations; Ellie Green, UW Pantry Student Director

CITATIONS:

- WAFOOD Survey (Joint UW / WSU, Washington State Food Security Survey)
- "WAFOOD Brief 16 – Food Security and Food Assistance in the Wake of COVID-19: A 5th Survey (2024) of Washington State Households" — this gives state-level food insecurity data from 2024. [foodsystems.uw.edu+1](https://foodsystems.uw.edu/)

- WAFOOD summary / news release: Washington State Food Security Survey shows high food insecurity, with grocery prices a top concern. [Department of Epidemiology](#)
- UW Food Pantry / “Any Hungry Husky” program
- The UW Food Pantry’s official site describes its services and eligibility. [UW Homepage](#)
- UW’s “Many hungry Huskies: food pantries fight rising food insecurity” (The Whole U) gives figures about visits, pounds distributed, etc. [thewholeu.uw.edu](#)
- “Autumn 2024 marks highest demand in UW Food Pantry history” (Food Systems UW) documents recent surge in demand. [foodsystems.uw.edu](#)
- Washington Student Experience / Basic Needs Survey
- “Media Release: Washington Student Experience Survey Results” over 40% of students reporting food insecurity in prior 30 days, and more than half reporting basic-needs insecurity. [WSAC](#)
- Reassessing Basic Needs Security Among Washington College Students (WSAC / WSES) provides breakdowns of food insecurity vs other basic needs in the 2024 survey cycle. [WSAC+1](#)

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