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BOARD BILL 3.21 An Act to Fund Pregnancy Tests for University of Washington Students

WHEREAS: reproductive health resources are essential to students' well-being, academic stability, and ability to pursue higher education opportunities without interruption; and

WHEREAS: the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has resulted in increased demand for reproductive healthcare resources, and Washington State is projected to see a 385% increase in people traveling here for abortion care, making early pregnancy detection more crucial than ever [1]; and

WHEREAS: pregnancy tests within a 1.5-mile radius of UW cost an average of \$6.33 per test, not including tax, creating a financial and equity barrier for many students who often require multiple tests or cannot afford the cost at all [1]; and

WHEREAS: Hall Health does not provide free pregnancy tests without insurance and requires appointments, limiting privacy and accessibility, [1]; and

WHEREAS: WE CARE and Huskies for Reproductive Freedom are student organizations dedicated to reproductive justice and have actively led pregnancy test access efforts on campus through research, outreach, and reproductive health resource distribution; and

WHEREAS: WE CARE and Huskies for Reproductive Freedom have conducted research on pregnancy test access at UW, and their findings, referenced throughout this bill and in the linked presentation, demonstrate a clear need for free, accessible, and private pregnancy test distribution for students; and

WHEREAS: a campus-wide anonymous survey of 300 students indicates that: over 50% of respondents purchase pregnancy tests each year, over 25% report difficulty obtaining pregnancy tests,

83.3% believe pregnancy tests are expensive, nearly 40% have found themselves in need of a test but without access, and 98.6% say they or someone they know would benefit from free tests, with 99.3% believing UW should offer them on campus [1]; and

WHEREAS: survey comments further highlight student concerns regarding stigma, privacy, financial hardship, and denial of access, illustrating the lived experiences behind the quantitative need for free and anonymous distribution [1]; and

WHEREAS: a pilot program led by WE CARE and Huskies for Reproductive Freedom demonstrated overwhelming demand, with all 100 tests used within one week on three separate occasions, and follow-up feedback showing 100% satisfaction and an average of 2.2 tests per person, confirming both feasibility and high student reliance on the service [1]; and

WHEREAS: this project would align with ASUW's mission to support student well-being, basic needs access, and equitable public-health resources; and

WHEREAS: the ASUW has allocated funding for accessibility and wellness initiatives, making the ASUW General Fund an appropriate source for this expenditure;

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

THAT: the ASUW Finance and Budget Director shall transfer \$3,000 from the ASUW General Fund to purchase pregnancy tests for the student body; and

THAT: The ASUW President will oversee distribution in coordination with the ASUW Director of Programming and ASUW Director of Community Relations will distribute pregnancy tests in partnership with WE CARE, Huskies for Reproductive Freedom, and the UW Food Pantry, which will serve as a long-term distribution hub; and

THAT: ASUW shall maintain pregnancy test availability within the following ASUW-affiliated offices to ensure widespread, reliable, and private access for students:

ASUW Main Office,
ASUW Gender Equity Commission,
ASUW Queer Student Commission,
ASUW Office of Student Health Relations (OSHR),
ASUW SARVA Office; and

THAT: ASUW shall collaborate with the Residence Council Student Association (RCSA) to provide pregnancy tests in Willow Hall and Lander Hall, expanding access to students living in on-campus housing; and

THAT: ASUW shall partner with the Panhellenic Council to ensure pregnancy tests are available in sorority chapter houses, supporting students within the Greek community; and

THAT: The ASUW President will collaborate with Husky Health Center in coordination with the ASUW Director of Campus Partnerships to provide accurate information on seeking primary care or clinical support for students who believe they may be pregnant, and this information will be distributed at all pregnancy test distribution sites to ensure students are encouraged to access appropriate medical care; and

THAT: RSO organizers for WE CARE and Huskies for Reproductive Freedom, in partnership with ASUW entities, shall continue to gather anonymized usage data and feedback to evaluate demand, distribution patterns, and service improvements; and

THAT: a copy of this bill be forwarded to the following individuals and offices:

Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance and Budget Director;
Carrie Moore, Executive Director of the Husky Union Building;
Christina Coop, Associate Director for Student Activities;
Trevor Hunt, Associate Director for Finance & Business Operations;
WE CARE Leadership;
Huskies for Reproductive Freedom Leadership;
UW Food Pantry Management;
RCSA Leadership;
Panhellenic Council Executive Board.

References

[1] https://www.canva.com/design/DAF6xmlqVDA/5hQ7ICYRjDAH6d7iATHGpg/edit?utm_content=DAF6xmlqVDA&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

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