



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted by Kate Lawson, Director of University Affairs

BOARD BILL 3.29 An Act to Grant Funding to the Office of Government Relations for ‘Huskies on The Hill’ Transportation Resources

WHEREAS: The ASUW Office of Government Relations (OGR) has hosted a student lobbying event entitled “Huskies on the Hill” for the past several years to foster student engagement with the state legislature, and this year’s event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday February 10, 2026, and

WHEREAS: Huskies on the Hill signifies the culmination of the year’s lobbying efforts for OGR and provides meaningful opportunities for students to engage with the state legislature by providing free transportation to Olympia, Washington where students speak directly with state legislators, and

WHEREAS: This event has seen incredible success in making progress towards statewide legislation on key issues that UW students face, and

WHEREAS: 377 UW students have registered for this event, 236 of which will be traveling from the Seattle campus and will require transportation to and from Olympia, Washington, and

WHEREAS: Five buses are required to accommodate these 236 students and invoices provided by TRAXX AMERICA Bus Services project the total cost of these buses with a University of Washington discount applied to be \$10,200, and

WHEREAS: The FY 2026 ASUW Budget allocated \$4,500 for Huskies on the Hill transportation, creating a \$5,700 gap in funding for the necessary to transport all students registered for this event

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

THAT: The ASUW Board of Directors allocate \$5,700 from the General Fund to the Office of Government Relations to be used for transportation services for Huskies on the Hill, and

THAT: The Office of Government Relations use this funding to pay for bus transportation for Huskies on the Hill concurrent with the invoice provided by TRAXX AMERICA Bus Services,

and

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Christina Coop, SAO Advisor; Kate Lawson, Director of University Affairs; Brandon Elliot, Director of Legislative Affairs; MJ Mencias, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs; Kaitlyn O'Connor, Community Organizer; Khushi Loomba, Finance and Budget Director; Owen Rivera, Personnel Director; Trevor Hunt, Associate Director of HUB Finance & Business Operations.

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