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BOARD BILL 3.79 - A Directive to Support University of Washington Emergency Medical Services Through ASUW Funding

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, faculty, and visitors at the University of Washington is a fundamental priority of the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW); and

WHEREAS, University of Washington Emergency Medical Services (UWEMS) is Washington State's first collegiate Emergency Medical Services agency, established in 2023 to provide emergency response, standby medical coverage, and health education services to the UW community; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS operates in affiliation with UW Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine and under the Emergency Services Supervisory Organization (ESSO) Medic One Paramedic Training program, authorizing student Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to provide non-transport Basic Life Support medical care; and

WHEREAS, between April 4 and June 13, 2025, UWEMS responded to 44 medical incidents on the University of Washington campus and was first on scene for 45.5% of calls, demonstrating measurable contributions to campus emergency response capacity; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS reduced average emergency response times from 5 minutes and 42 seconds to 4 minutes and 18 seconds, allowing earlier initiation of patient care and improving emergency outcomes for members of the university community; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS currently consists of 23 volunteer EMTs and is actively expanding staffing capacity to meet increasing campus demand and extend operational service hours; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS provides preventative health education and lifesaving training programs at no cost to students, faculty, and staff, including certifying over 400 individuals in CPR/AED training and over 200 individuals in Naloxone administration, strengthening campus preparedness and harm-reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS provides standby medical services for large-scale university events, including Admitted Students Day serving more than 8,000 attendees, ensuring safe participation in major

campus programming; and

WHEREAS, UWEMS removes financial barriers to emergency preparedness education by offering free trainings and outreach initiatives aligned with ASUW's commitments to student wellness, accessibility, and equitable public health resources; and

WHEREAS, student-led emergency medical services foster leadership development, experiential learning opportunities, and professional pathways for students pursuing careers in healthcare and public service; and

WHEREAS, ASUW has historically supported initiatives that directly enhance student safety, health access, and community well-being across the University of Washington campus; and

WHEREAS, additional financial support will assist UWEMS in maintaining operational sustainability, expanding training programs, supporting equipment and medical supply needs, and increasing service availability for the UW community;

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

THAT, the ASUW allocate \$10,000 as a one-time financial contribution to University of Washington Emergency Medical Services (UWEMS); and

THAT, these funds be used to support UWEMS operational capacity, training initiatives, emergency preparedness programming, and student-led emergency response services benefiting the University of Washington community; and

THAT, ASUW recognizes UWEMS as a critical student-serving partner advancing campus safety, preventative health education, and emergency response readiness; and

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