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SENATE RESOLUTION R-31-32

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31st & 32nd Sessions
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CERTIFICATE


I, Erick Jacobsen, Speaker of the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE RESOLUTION R-31-32** as passed by the Senate on the date set forth.

Nandana Jaideep
President, Board of Directors

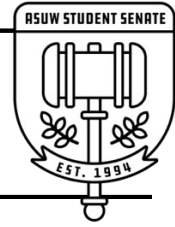
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SENATE RESOLUTION R-31-32
A Resolution to Increase Student Access
to SANE Exams

Passed Senate - 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Academic Year

A.S.U.W. Submitted Spring Quarter 2025 31st Session

Sponsored by Ruthu Mavnur, *SARVA Co-Director 2025-2026*. **Co-sponsored by** Samir Faruq, *SARVA Co-Director 2025-2026*, Alice Zborovskiy, *SARVA Co-Director 2024-2025*, and Juhi Thomas, *SARVA Co-Director 2024-2025*.

Referred to Committee on the Off Campus Committee. Read on the floor 10/14/2025.

1 **WHEREAS** the University of Washington is committed to fostering a
2 safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all students,
3 including survivors of sexual assault and gender-based violence;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS** as an accredited institution, the University of
6 Washington should support survivors and uphold resources for
7 them to receive justice; and

8 **WHEREAS** survivors of sexual assault benefit from timely and
9 trauma-informed medical care and evidence collection, which are
10 essential both for physical and mental health and for preserving
11 legal options [1]; and

12 **WHEREAS** a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a registered
13 nurse with specialized training in conducting forensic medical
14 exams and providing trauma-informed care to survivors of sexual
15 assault; and

16 **WHEREAS** SANE exams offer survivors critical medical services
17 such as sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, pregnancy
18 prevention, injury documentation, and evidence collection that
19 may be used in legal proceedings; and

20 **WHEREAS** best practice shows that effective care is provided to
21 patients in a "sensitive, dignified, and patient-centered
22 manner. For individuals who experience this horrendous crime,
23 having a positive experience with the health care and criminal

24 justice systems can contribute greatly to their overall healing”
25 [1]; and

26 **WHEREAS** the Husky Health Center is often the first point of
27 medical contact for students and is uniquely positioned to
28 provide accessible, on-campus care; and

29 **WHEREAS** Husky Health is centrally located on the main campus and
30 uniquely accessible to the general student population; and

31 **WHEREAS** the Husky Health SANE exams currently offered are solely
32 for the purpose of identifying and addressing medical needs and
33 do not currently offer DNA collection services, therefore making
34 the exams not legally permissible as evidence in a court of law;
35 and

36 **WHEREAS**, to preserve the option of pursuing legal justice,
37 survivors must have access to timely evidence collection, as
38 “DNA evidence needs to be collected within 72 hours in order to
39 be analyzed by a crime lab” (RAINN); and

40 **WHEREAS** the closest comprehensive SANE exams available to UW
41 students are at UW Medical Center - Montlake [6]; and

42 **WHEREAS** UW Montlake is a 15 to 30-minute walk from the
43 University of Washington central campus in the absence of a
44 personal motor vehicle, bus, bike, or shuttle, which is
45 logistically and emotionally difficult for a survivor in crisis;
46 and

47 **WHEREAS** SANE exams are time-sensitive and should occur within
48 72-120 hours of an assault for accurate evidence collection; and

49 **WHEREAS** delays to receiving an exam due to travel, coordination,
50 or system confusion can prevent survivors from receiving
51 critical care or evidence collection; and

52 **WHEREAS** while “eight out of ten [victims] have a driver’s
53 license, only half have a vehicle” and “thirty five percent
54 (35%) do not have any personal mode of transportation available
55 for their commute” which could prevent or discourage students
56 from seeking available testing due to limited resources and
57 support [2]; and

58 **WHEREAS** going to a hospital can feel intimidating, impersonal,
59 or traumatizing for some students, and campus-based health
60 centers should be prioritized because of their "confidentiality,
61 free services, convenience, and youth-friendly staff" [4]; and

62 **WHEREAS** the Associated Students of the University of Washington
63 condemned the marketing and sale of over-the-counter sexual
64 assault kits through R-29-1, and the Washington State
65 Legislature passed HB 1564 prohibiting the sale or provision to
66 individuals of over-the-counter sexual assault kits under the
67 Consumer Protection Act [5]; and

68 **WHEREAS** Husky Health is more familiar, feels safer, and offers a
69 more personable approach to medicine for students; and

70 **WHEREAS** for students concerned about social stigma associated
71 with visiting medical facilities, a student health center can
72 feel less conspicuous; and

73 **WHEREAS** survivors should have the autonomy to choose the care
74 setting that feels safest and most supportive to them which can
75 be best accomplished by offering SANE exams at both UW Montlake
76 and Husky Health which diversifies options and moves away from
77 the current one-size-fits-all model of care; and

78 **WHEREAS** the addition of SANE services at Husky Health would
79 increase access to critical care, reduce logistical burdens,
80 promote survivor-centered support, and align with UW's broader
81 mission of health equity and student well-being; and

82 **WHEREAS** according to the National Sexual Violence Resource
83 Center, one in five women and one in sixteen men experience
84 sexual assault while in college [3]; with this in mind, it is
85 the University of Washington's duty to protect and uplift
86 survivors on campus;

87 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE**
88 **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

89 **THAT** the ASUW supports the implementation of Sexual Assault
90 Nurse Examiner (SANE) services and the availability of SANE
91 exams at Husky Health Center; and

92 **THAT** the UW ensures this provision is enacted by the beginning
93 of the 2026-27 school year, using the 2025-26 school year for
94 hiring, contracting, or training; and

95 **THAT** Husky Health and UW administrators **employ** at least one
96 certified SANE nurse and establish an appropriate protocol and
97 facilities to conduct SANE exams on campus; and

98 **THAT** SANE services at Husky Health be available to all UW
99 students regardless of insurance coverage, and that survivors be
100 clearly informed of their options for confidential, low- or no-
101 cost care; and

102 **THAT** there is collaboration between Husky Health, UWPD,
103 SafeCampus, the UW Title IX office, and local hospitals to
104 ensure seamless referrals and survivor-centered care pathways;
105 and

106 **THAT** ASUW requests that the University provide an implementation
107 timeline and progress updates to the student body, with
108 transparency around funding sources, staff training, and
109 projected service availability; and

110 **THAT** the University shall widely publicize the availability of
111 SANE exams at Husky Health, including in student orientation
112 materials, campus health communications, and survivor support
113 resources with clear information on access for all students
114 regardless of insurance; and

115 **THAT** students shall not be required to file a police report or
116 engage with law enforcement to access a SANE exam at Husky
117 Health, and survivors shall be clearly informed of this option;
118 and

119 **THAT** all SANE services at Husky Health shall be provided with
120 confidentiality; and

121 **THAT** a copy of this legislation be forwarded to the following
122 parties or organizations:

- Erick Jacobsen** | Speaker, ASUW Student Senate
- Joseph Riggio** | GAVEL Committee Chair, ASUW Student Senate
- UW Husky Health**
- UW Student Legal Services**

Audriana Scott | Director of Campus Partnerships, *ASUW Board of Directors*

Joel W Schwartzkopf | Executive Director of Husky Health

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