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SENATE RESOLUTION R-32-3

BOARD BILL 5.16

32nd Session

2025-2026 Academic Year

Passed by the Board April
9th, 2026. YEAS 6 NAYS 0

Nandana Jaideep
President, Board of
Directors

Passed by the Senate April
7th, 2026. YEAS 88 NAYS 5.



Erick Jacobsen
Speaker, Student Senate

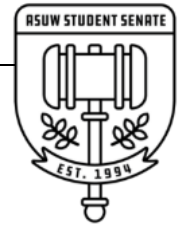
CERTIFICATE

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-32-03** as passed by the Senate on the date set forth.



Erick Jacobsen
Speaker, Student Senate

Under Consideration



R-32-03

A Resolution to Install Mesh Screens in
On Campus Residence Windows

Under Consideration - 2025-2026 Academic Year

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WINTER Quarter 2026

32nd Session

Sponsored by Jothsna Sundar, *ASUW Senate Clerk*.

Co-Sponsored by

Referred to Committee on On-Campus Affairs on XX/XX/XXXX.

Read on the floor XX/XX/XXXX.

BILL SUMMARY: Requesting the installation of mesh screens in all on-campus residence buildings.

1 **WHEREAS** around 11 million people suffer from entomophobia
2 defined as the fear of insects [1]; and

3 **WHEREAS** 9149 students live in on-campus residences [2]; and

4 **WHEREAS** based on testimony from hall senators, 7 (Alder, Elm,
5 Lander, Maple, McMahon, Poplar, Terry) out of 11 dorm buildings
6 and all apartment buildings on campus do not have any and/or
7 sufficient mesh screens or barriers on windows; and

8 **WHEREAS** based on testimony from hall senators, the mesh screens
9 in Hansee Hall are ineffective in preventing bugs and insects
10 from entering the residences; and

11 **WHEREAS** ventilation related to open windows is an effective tool
12 for temperature management; and

13 **WHEREAS** proper ventilation is especially significant when
14 university residences do not offer air conditioning; and

15 **WHEREAS** around 498 million people are estimated to suffer from
16 acrophobia defined as the fear of heights [3]; and
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19 **WHEREAS** the absence of mesh screens on windows can serve to
20 exacerbate this fear, diminishing a student's feeling of safety
21 within residential areas; and

22 **WHEREAS** fear of insects and heights may be motivating factors
23 for students to keep windows closed when faced with inadequate
24 barriers; and

25 **WHEREAS** the existence of barriers like mesh screens can
26 additionally serve as a means restriction for the prevention of
27 suicide by jumping [4];

28 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE**
29 **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

30 **THAT** bug screens be purchased by Housing and Food Services (HFS)
31 by the end of the 2025-26 academic year; and

32 **THAT** bug screens be installed in all on-campus residences by the
33 beginning of the 2026-27 academic year; and

34 **THAT** the mesh screens be removable to ensure students are able
35 to adequately clean, maintain, and utilize the screens in
36 accordance with their health benefits and personal preference;
37 and

38 **THAT** the installation of removable mesh screens be prioritized
39 by HFS on a need basis that takes into account the current
40 window aptitude, repair cost, window architecture, etc.; and

41 **THAT** bug screens be replaced in Hansee Hall in accordance with
42 the above timeline; and

43 **THAT** all future on-campus residences built by HFS have removable
44 mesh screens installed at the time of construction; and

45 **THAT** the GAVEL Committee follow up on this legislation to the
46 relevant authorities among Housing and Food Services.

References:

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[3] Cho W. (2023) **Acrophobia (Fear Of Heights): Symptoms And Treatment** [<https://www.forbes.com/health/mind/acrophobia/>]

[4] Okolie C. et al. (2020) **Means restriction for the prevention of suicide by jumping** [<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7039710/>]

