

CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE RESOLUTION R-32-10

BOARD BILL 5.17

32nd Session

2025-2026 Academic Year

Passed by the Board [Month
Day, 2025] YEAS XX NAYS XX

Nandana Jaideep
President, Board of
Directors

Passed by the Senate April
21, 2026. YEAS 71 NAYS 06.



Erick Jacobsen
Speaker, Student Senate

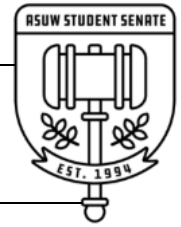
CERTIFICATE

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



Erick Jacobsen
Speaker, Student Senate

Under Consideration



R-32-10

A Resolution to Set the U-PASS Fee at \$81

Under Consideration - 2025-2026 Academic Year

A.S.U.W.

Spring Quarter 2026

32nd Session

Sponsored by Jayce Blanchard, *Chair of the U-PASS Advisory Board.*

Co-Sponsored by Kayla Gorospe, *ASUW Senate U-PASS Advisory Board Liaison*

Referred to Committee on Off-Campus Affairs on 04/13/2026.

Read on the floor 04/21/2026.

BILL SUMMARY: This bill sets the U-PASS quarterly fee at \$81 per quarter per student, an increase of \$8 from the previous \$73 fee. Since 2024, it will have increased by \$11, but since 2022, it will have decreased by \$10 overall.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board (U-PASS AB)
2 has the authority to recommend changes to the Universal U-PASS
3 program (U-PASS) fee pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding
4 (MOU) between the Associated Students of the University of
5 Washington (ASUW), Graduate and Professional Student Senate
6 (GPSS), and the University of Washington (UW); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the U-PASS AB has implemented several fee changes since
8 the time the U-PASS program was created, all of which have been
9 adopted; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the U-PASS most recently recommended a fee change from
11 \$70 to \$73 in Spring 2025; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the program cost projections which caused the U-PASS AB
13 to raise the fee to \$73 did not predict the large ridership
14 gains of this year, at no fault of UW Transportation Services
15 (UWTS); and

16 **WHEREAS**, the U-PASS currently has a reserve of
17 approximately \$5.2 million, while MOU mandated reserve is
18 approximately \$1,225,500, giving an approximate reserve surplus
19 of \$4 million. Based on current projections provided by UWTS, in
20 line with MOU requirements, maintaining the U-PASS fee at
21 \$73 for one more year could reduce the reserves to the mandated

22 \$1.2 million but require an increase to \$90 the following year;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, the U-PASS reserve fund was not created with the intent
25 to have such a high balance, proportional to U-PASS costs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the structure of the MOU, and the current
27 fee, preclude appropriation of reserve funds; and

28 **WHEREAS**, because of the above, the U-PASS AB has not been able
29 to allocate all funding raised through the U-PASS fee; and

30 **WHEREAS**, a fee of \$81, followed by successive fee
31 increases, will balance decreasing unappropriable funds and not
32 risking running a program deficit should there be large program
33 cost increases due to potential transit agency fare increases or
34 unforeseen ridership increases;

35 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE**
36 **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

37 **THAT**, the U-PASS AB recommends that the U-PASS fee
38 be changed to \$81/quarter, starting Fall 2026 and that the MOU
39 'Fee Amount' be amended to read:

- 40 1. "In Fall 2026, and for the following three quarters, the
41 amount of the fee shall be \$81 per academic quarter
42 unless otherwise amended by the process outlined below.
43 2. After Summer 2027 the fee amount may change.
44 Implementation of any changes to the fee shall follow the
45 process outlined below." and

46 **THAT**, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to GPSS
47 President Ryan Wicklund, ASUW President Nandana Jaideep, Vice
48 President for Student Life Denzil Suite, President Robert Jones,
49 Assistant Director of Student Activities Marshall Traverse,
50 Director of Transportation Services Mark Huppert, and Commute
51 Options and Transportation Planning Manager Braden Kelley.

References

[1] 2025 U-Pass Advisory Board Memorandum of Understanding
(2025) [Student U-PASS MOU Updated April 2025](#)

Appendix A. Fee Presentation

2026 Fee Presentation.pptx