



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF WASHINGTON TACOMA RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION 2025-02

SUBJECT: Implementing Student Legislative Fee

PRESENTED BY: _____

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WHEREAS, student representation and engagement in legislative advocacy is essential to advancing student interests and ensuring their voices are heard at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity in social, political, and economic challenges makes strong legislative advocacy more necessary than ever before to protect student rights, secure funding for higher education, and promote equitable policies for all students; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Student Legislative Fee would provide dedicated funding to support the organization’s student-led legislative advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, reliance solely on the Services and Activities Fee to fund student advocacy and legislative efforts is no longer sustainable due to increasing demands from other programs funded by the fee, leaving insufficient funding to adequately support the growth of ASUWT’s legislative advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, in order for ASUWT to grow and maximize its impact for students, an additional revenue stream is necessary to ensure stable and long-term funding for legislative operations; and

WHEREAS, data collected from the ASUWT Campus Development Survey indicates strong student support for the creation of a Student Legislative Fee [1], which meets the University of Washington’s Student Governance Policy (SGP) 205 surrounding Voluntary Fees of Students [2].

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON TACOMA**

THAT, the ASUWT Senate directs the ASUWT Executive Board to engage in discussions and negotiations with the University of Washington Tacoma Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to implement a Student Legislative Fee in compliance with SGP 205.

THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to UW Tacoma Chancellor Sheila Edwards Lange; UW Tacoma Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mentha Hynes-Wilson; UW Tacoma Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Sylvia James, the UW Board of Regents; ASUWT President Holly Wetzel; ASUWT Director of Legislative Affairs Ben Brown.

CERTIFICATION Passed this _____ day of _____ 20__ by a quorum vote of ___ for
_____ against _____ abstained _____ absent.