Resolution Opposing Initiative No. IL26-638

Whereas transgender and gender non-conforming people are deserving of respect, dignity, and protection in their daily lives.

Whereas since 2023 there has been a substantial rise in legislation targeting transgender and gender non-conforming people, with a staggering 1,022 bills proposed nationally in 2025 that seek to negatively impact them[1];

Whereas heartbreakingly**,** according to the Trevor Project, "90% of LGBTQ+ young people said recent anti-LGBTQ+ laws, policies and debates caused them stress or anxiety";

Whereas initiatives and policy that target the outing, exclusion, and surveillance of transgender and gender non-conforming people, especially minors are particularly dangerous and invasive;

Whereas Initiative 638, if passed, would require any student seeking to join a competitive sport intended for female students to be subjected to an examination that "verifies the student's biological sex"[2] via a study of their reproductive anatomy, genetic makeup, or "testosterone levels"[3];

Whereas these unnecessary examinations would subject young girls to invasive genital examinations/testing for no real purpose other than the shaming of transgender and gender non-conforming youth and taking another step towards excluding them from public life;

Whereas ASWWU understands that standing in solidarity and supporting transgender, gender non-conforming students, and women on our campus today, starts with supporting their right to a safe childhood;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved **that the Associated Students of Western Washington University:**

1. Adopts this resolution to express its official opposition to Initiative Measure No. IL26-638.
2. Urge Western Washington University students to vote NO on the upcoming November 3rd, 2026 Washington General Election.

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[1] Trans Legislation Tracker, *2026 Anti-trans Bills Tracker (2026)* https://translegislation.com/

[2] Washington Secretary of State. (2026). *Initiative Measure No. 638.* https://ballotpedia.org/Washington_Initiative_638,*Sex_Verification_Requirements_for_Female_School_Sports_Initiative*(2026)

[3] Washington Secretary of State. (2026). *Initiative Measure No. 638.* https://ballotpedia.org/Washington_Initiative_638,*Sex_Verification_Requirements_for_Female_School_Sports_Initiative*(2026)

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