



WSA Statewide Lobby Day Funding Request

Proposed Motions: Approve \$1500 in the form of an underwrite for Washington Student Association Statewide Lobby Day from AS Operating Enhancement [FXXENH] to Legislative Affairs [FXXLAF],

Sponsor: Kaylee Galloway, AS VP for Governmental Affairs

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Background & Context

In the FXXLAF budget proposal, \$3080 was allocated in Travel Paid Direct with a justification stating “Funding for charter buses, 2 for Viking Lobby Day, and one for the Washington Student Association (WSA) Lobby Day. Buses to Olympia cost around \$1100, regardless of size. Our Viking Lobby Day this year was the biggest one ever, and to be able to grow the program, the same expenditure is needed. Additionally, Western students being a part of the WSA Lobby Day allows us to leverage media attention in our favor, because of the presence of schools such as UW.”

Unfortunately, the cost of two 56 passenger charter busses for Viking Lobby Day was greater than this allotted amount. We readjusted this amount to cover the travel expenses for Viking Lobby Day only, and therefore, depleted the entirety of this allocation without calculating in the cost of a 56 passenger bus for the WSA Statewide Lobby Day.

Summary of Proposal

This funding would cover the cost of a 56 passenger Bellair Charter bus to transport students to Olympia for the WSA Statewide Lobby Day on February 14, 2014. Many of the students who signed up for Viking Lobby Day, as well as others, have expressed interest in attending this lobby trip. I do anticipate this trip to be well attended since it is a one day event and lands on Friday when many students do not have class.

I have contacted Bellair via a written request for an estimate, and have yet to hear back. I should have an estimate contract in time for the next board meeting.

Fiscally

Given the cost of a recently quoted 36 passenger bus, the cost of the 56 passenger bus for Viking Lobby Day, and the fact that this is a one day trip, I have estimated the expense at \$1500, but I believe that is an overestimation. Remaining money will be directed back to FXXENH.

Rationale

This funding is needed in order to fund a 56 passenger to the WSA Statewide Lobby Day, which will directly increase student representation through direct student engagement with the State Legislature.