

How did your legislators work to support higher education and the UW?

You did your part by sending thousands of messages—emails, phone calls and letters—using UW Impact's tools this session. How did your legislators respond?

TOP DAWGS

This year, UW Impact recognizes the Washington State Legislature's budget writers as Top Dawgs for their role in passing a budget that reinvests in higher education for the first time in four years.

This new funding allows UW to hold resident undergraduate tuition steady at its current rate for two years, without compromising on quality. The budget also provides funding to allow the UW to expand enrollment in computer science and engineering programs, support clean energy research, and to protect student financial aid.

Thank you to our Top Dawgs for making the UW and higher education a top priority this session.

BUDGET WRITERS



ROSS HUNTER (D-48)



GARY ALEXANDER (R-2)



JIM HARGROVE (D-24)



ANDY HILL (R-45)



DEDICATED DAWGS

These lawmakers renewed their commitment to higher education in the following ways:



REUVEN CARLYLE (D-36)

Championed university accountability measures, and advocated for expanding students' access to high-demand programs.



DAVID FROCKT (D-46)

Worked with UW to understand and advocate for the needs of students, and introduced a bill to provide counseling for student loans.



JOE FAIN (R-47)

Played a key role as an advocate for higher education in budget deliberations, and in securing state funding to help keep tuition rates affordable for Washington students and their families.



HANS ZEIGER (R-25)

Took a lead role in helping change state law to allow UW to realize administrative efficiencies that save the University time and money.



JEANNE KOHL-WELLES (D-36)

Sponsored legislation that favored a tuition freeze in exchange for more state funding.



LARRY SEAQUIST (D-26)

As chair of the House Higher Education committee, worked with leaders across the aisle and in both chambers of the legislature to make higher education a budget priority.

DAWGS TO WATCH

These legislators played key roles that contributed to this session's positive outcomes for higher education.



JOHN BRAUN (R-20)

Played an important role in budget deliberations by advocating for reinvestment in higher education in order to help keep tuition affordable.



JESSYN FARRELL (D-46)

Fought for transportation issues that directly affected the UW's many transit commuters.



CYRUS HABIB (D-48)

Championed economic development initiatives favorable to the UW.



STEVE LITZOW (R-41)

Worked behind-the-scenes to advocate for higher education as a budget priority.



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