



## **ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BELLEVUE COLLEGE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

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### **I. Support Student Mental Health Services:**

- Advocate for increased funding and resources for mental health services on campuses across Washington.
- Advocate for increased telehealth services.
- Promote awareness programs to reduce stigma and encourage students to seek help.
- Support the development of counseling services, workshops, and peer support networks.

### **II. Better Support and Resources for International Students:**

- Lobby for increased availability of financial aid and scholarships specifically designated for international students.
- Support efforts to raise awareness of existing financial aid opportunities and assist international students in accessing them.
- Promote cultural competency training for faculty and staff to better assist and integrate international students into their campus community.
- Promote career development services that assist international students in finding internships and employment opportunities post-graduation.
- Allow international students to have tuition payment plans.

### **III. Support Measures to Lower the Cost of Education:**

- Support the expansion of the Washington College Grant.
- Support SB 5999.
- Support HB 2309.
- Support HB 2374.
- Advocate for policies that address the rising costs of education, including tuition and fees.
- Explore opportunities for increased state funding and financial aid to alleviate the financial burden on students.

**IV. Implement a Sales Tax Exemption for Required Text and Course Materials:**

- Lobby for sales tax exemptions on textbooks and course materials to make education more accessible for students.
- Advocate for the adoption of open educational resources to reduce the reliance on expensive textbooks.

**V. Mandatory Prayer/Reflection Rooms:**

- Ensure the availability of designated prayer rooms to accommodate diverse religious practices.
- Advocate for the creation and maintenance of inclusive spaces that respect the religious and cultural needs of students in Washington State.

**VI. Better Support for Undocumented Students:**

- Advocate for policies that protect the rights and provide support for undocumented students.
- Support HB 1889.