

Fellow students, primarily sponsored by junior, Matthew Hilliard, would like to spread awareness of serious, state and federal government action on policies regarding the plant *Cannabis sativa*, also known as hemp/marijuana. Washington state has a relatively long history with instating legislation regarding *Cannabis*, from it's medical marijuana laws that were approved by voters in 1998 to the recent passage and gradual implementation of Washington State Initiative-502, legalizing small amounts of *Cannabis* for recreational use for persons 21 and older.

Even more recently, the Washington State House of Representatives and U.S. House of Representatives have both introduced legislation regarding industrial hemp (WA State H.R. 1888 and U.S. H.R. 525) as well as legislation regarding the medicinal and recreational use of marijuana (U.S. H.R. 499 and 689), on to their respective floors this current congressional year.

This gives good reason to believe that many, if not the majority of U.S. citizens are in support of legalizing the farming, production, and use of *Cannabis* for many purposes. These purposes range from extracting the seeds, fibers and cellulose contained in the plant to produce food, textiles, and construction materials, to using the flowers of the plant as a recreational substance.

Hilliard and his fellow students would like to show student support for the sustainable farming, production, processing, and sale of *Cannabis*, as well as goods made from *Cannabis*, for both personal and industrial use, through a declarative statement on behalf of the WWU Associated Students.

Shall the Associated Students of Western Washington University favor the passage and implementation of both State and Federal policies that support the sustainable farming, production, processing, and sale of the plant, *Cannabis sativa*, as well as goods made from *Cannabis sativa*, for both personal and industrial use?