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Hello,

I was wondering what is the redistricting policy concerning universities in Washington state, both public and private universities. I am currently a student attending Seattle University, and after looking at the legislative maps for Seattle, I was surprised to learn that Seattle University is on land that is divided between both the 37th and 43rd legislative districts. Furthermore, I was also surprised to see how the University of Washington is divided similarly between the 43rd and 46th districts. So, I was wondering what the redistricting board's policy is concerning redistricting and drawing redistricting lines across/dividing universities. While I can understand that the universities for the most part hold students that either may not be voters/residents of Washington, or may hold residents of Washington that are loyal to their own home districts. While I can see that the land surrounding a university is more crucial to the committee, in that these are more of the permanent residents that will be voting in and be represented by the drawing of such districts; it is my personal opinion that when the district boundaries are redrawn that the committee should think of placing universities, such as Seattle University, in the same legislative district, since I guess to me it doesn't make sense to place the university straddling two separate districts.

Thank You,

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