

**RCW 34.12.060 Initial decision or proposal for decision—  
Findings of fact and conclusions of law—Inapplicability to state  
patrol disciplinary hearings.** When an administrative law judge  
presides at a hearing under this chapter and a majority of the  
officials of the agency who are to render the final decision have not  
heard substantially all of the oral testimony and read all exhibits  
submitted by any party, it shall be the duty of such judge, or in the  
event of his or her unavailability or incapacity, of another judge  
appointed by the chief administrative law judge, to issue an initial  
decision or proposal for decision including findings of fact and  
conclusions of law in accordance with RCW 34.05.461 or 34.05.485.  
However, this section does not apply to a state patrol disciplinary  
hearing conducted under RCW 43.43.090. [2011 c 336 s 763; 1989 c 175  
s 34; 1984 c 141 s 7; 1982 c 189 s 2; 1981 c 67 s 6.]

**Effective date—1989 c 175:** See note following RCW 34.05.010.

**Effective date—1982 c 189:** See note following RCW 34.12.020.

**Effective dates—Severability—1981 c 67:** See notes following RCW  
34.12.010.