

Chapter 288-02 WAC

JAIL INDUSTRIES BOARD ARBITRATION PROCESS

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WAC 288-02-010 Authority. RCW 36.110.060, Duties of the board, directs the board to establish an arbitration process for resolving conflicts arising among the local business community and labor organizations concerning new jail industries programs, products, services, or wages. The board does not have enforcement powers and participation in the arbitration process is voluntary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.110.060. 04-19-032, § 288-02-010, filed 9/9/04, effective 10/10/04.]

WAC 288-02-020 Issues considered for arbitration. The following matters will be considered for arbitration: Disputes regarding appropriate use of inmate labor, funds and fees, and working conditions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.110.060. 04-19-032, § 288-02-020, filed 9/9/04, effective 10/10/04.]

WAC 288-02-030 Mechanism of the arbitration process. (1) Issues should be reduced to letter format and directed to the executive director of the jail industries board. Every effort possible will be made to assist the complainant in developing the complaint.

(2) Three board members will be selected by the jail industries board chair to conduct an informal hearing and gather as much information as possible, reminding each party that all decisions and opinions are voluntary and have no actual legal standing. The jail industries board's executive director will act as record keeper and facilitator.

(3) The board will attempt to reconcile the issues as presented. This may be done by offering suggestions, asking others for their opinions, or pointing out to each party how a negotiated arrangement may look. The goal of the process is to reach a voluntary agreement.

(4) For the record, the executive director of the jail industries board will keep on file the information used by both parties and the outcome of the arbitration process. The board will use this information to assist with future arbitration issues.

(5) If a voluntary agreement cannot be reached, the board will advise both parties of next step options they may take.

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