

**WAC 14-276-100 Determination regarding exempt records.** (1) The committee reserves the right to determine that a public record requested in accordance with the procedures outlined in WAC 14-276-080 is exempt pursuant to the provisions set forth in RCW 42.56.210 or other statute. Such determination may be made in consultation with the public records officer, or an assistant attorney general assigned to the committee.

(2) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.070, the committee reserves the right to delete identifying details when it makes available or publishes any public record when there is reason to believe that disclosure of such details would be an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy or impair a vital governmental interest: Provided, however, That in each case, the justification for the deletion shall be explained fully in writing.

(3) Response to requests for a public record must be made promptly. For the purposes of this section, a prompt response occurs if the person requesting the public record is notified within two business days as to whether his request for a public record will be honored.

(4) All denials of request for public records must be accompanied by a written statement, signed by the public records officer or designee, specifying the reason for the denial, a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the public record withheld.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.95.030 (9)(e). WSR 05-24-103, § 14-276-100, filed 12/7/05, effective 1/7/06; WSR 98-23-009, § 14-276-100, filed 11/5/98, effective 12/6/98.]