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1 AN ACT Relating to the acceptance of gifts by state officers and  
2 employees; amending RCW 42.17A.615, 42.17A.620, 42.17A.630,  
3 42.17A.710, 42.52.120, and 42.52.150; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** State officers and employees receive a  
6 salary and are paid per diem to cover lodging, meals, and travel when  
7 attending out-of-town meetings, training, conferences, or other work-  
8 related events. Legislators are paid a daily allowance in lieu of per  
9 diem for each day they are engaged in legislative business. Unlike  
10 other state officers and officials, legislators are not required to  
11 deduct the cost of a free meal by lobbyists from their allowance.  
12 While lobbying and government relations are important and integral to  
13 state government and aid in representing the views of many groups of  
14 citizens who have a common interest, the acceptance of free meals and  
15 gifts is perceived by the public to influence, regardless of the  
16 amount of money spent. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature  
17 that food, beverages, gifts, and entertainment may not be accepted by  
18 state officers and employees.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.615 and 2010 c 204 s 804 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

1 (1) Any lobbyist registered under RCW 42.17A.600 and any person  
2 who lobbies shall file with the commission monthly reports of his or  
3 her lobbying activities. The reports shall be made in the form and  
4 manner prescribed by the commission and must be signed by the  
5 lobbyist. The monthly report shall be filed within fifteen days after  
6 the last day of the calendar month covered by the report.

7 (2) The monthly report shall contain:

8 (a) The totals of all expenditures for lobbying activities made  
9 or incurred by the lobbyist or on behalf of the lobbyist by the  
10 lobbyist's employer during the period covered by the report.  
11 Expenditure totals for lobbying activities shall be segregated  
12 according to financial category, including compensation; (~~food and~~  
13 ~~refreshments;~~) living accommodations; advertising; travel;  
14 contributions; and other expenses or services. (~~Each individual~~  
15 ~~expenditure of more than twenty five dollars for entertainment shall~~  
16 ~~be identified by date, place, amount, and the names of all persons~~  
17 ~~taking part in the entertainment, along with the dollar amount~~  
18 ~~attributable to each person, including the lobbyist's portion.~~)

19 (b) In the case of a lobbyist employed by more than one employer,  
20 the proportionate amount of expenditures in each category incurred on  
21 behalf of each of the lobbyist's employers.

22 (c) An itemized listing of each contribution of money or of  
23 tangible or intangible personal property, whether contributed by the  
24 lobbyist personally or delivered or transmitted by the lobbyist, to  
25 any candidate, elected official, or officer or employee of any  
26 agency, or any political committee supporting or opposing any ballot  
27 proposition, or for or on behalf of any candidate, elected official,  
28 or officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee  
29 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition. All contributions made  
30 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate, elected official, or  
31 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee  
32 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition shall be identified by  
33 date, amount, and the name of the candidate, elected official, or  
34 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee  
35 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition receiving, or to be  
36 benefited by each such contribution.

37 (d) The subject matter of proposed legislation or other  
38 legislative activity or rule making under chapter 34.05 RCW, the  
39 state administrative procedure act, and the state agency considering  
40 the same, which the lobbyist has been engaged in supporting or

1 opposing during the reporting period, unless exempt under RCW  
2 42.17A.610(2).

3 ~~(e) ((A listing of each payment for an item specified in RCW  
4 42.52.150(5) in excess of fifty dollars and each item specified in  
5 RCW 42.52.010(10) (d) and (f) made to a state elected official, state  
6 officer, or state employee. Each item shall be identified by  
7 recipient, date, and approximate value of the item.~~

8 ~~(f))~~) The total expenditures paid or incurred during the  
9 reporting period by the lobbyist for lobbying purposes, whether  
10 through or on behalf of a lobbyist or otherwise, for (i) political  
11 advertising as defined in RCW 42.17A.005; and (ii) public relations,  
12 telemarketing, polling, or similar activities if the activities,  
13 directly or indirectly, are intended, designed, or calculated to  
14 influence legislation or the adoption or rejection of a rule,  
15 standard, or rate by an agency under the administrative procedure  
16 act. The report shall specify the amount, the person to whom the  
17 amount was paid, and a brief description of the activity.

18 (3) Lobbyists are not required to report the following:

19 (a) Unreimbursed personal living and travel expenses not incurred  
20 directly for lobbying;

21 (b) Any expenses incurred for his or her own living  
22 accommodations;

23 (c) Any expenses incurred for his or her own travel to and from  
24 hearings of the legislature;

25 (d) Any expenses incurred for telephone, and any office expenses,  
26 including rent and salaries and wages paid for staff and secretarial  
27 assistance.

28 (4) The commission may adopt rules to vary the content of  
29 lobbyist reports to address specific circumstances, consistent with  
30 this section. Lobbyist reports are subject to audit by the  
31 commission.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.620 and 2010 c 204 s 805 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) When a listing or a report of contributions is made to the  
35 commission under RCW 42.17A.615(2)(c), a copy of the listing or  
36 report must be given to the candidate, elected official, professional  
37 staff member of the legislature, or officer or employee of an agency,  
38 or a political committee supporting or opposing a ballot proposition  
39 named in the listing or report.

1 (2) If a state elected official or a member of the official's  
2 immediate family is identified by a lobbyist in a lobbyist report as  
3 having received from the lobbyist an item specified in RCW  
4 (~~(42.52.150(5) or~~) 42.52.010(~~(10)~~) (9) (d) or (f), the lobbyist  
5 shall transmit to the official a copy of the completed form used to  
6 identify the item in the report at the same time the report is filed  
7 with the commission.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17A.630 and 2010 c 204 s 807 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Every employer of a lobbyist registered under this chapter  
11 during the preceding calendar year and every person other than an  
12 individual that made contributions aggregating to more than sixteen  
13 thousand dollars or independent expenditures aggregating to more than  
14 eight hundred dollars during the preceding calendar year shall file  
15 with the commission on or before the last day of February of each  
16 year a statement disclosing for the preceding calendar year the  
17 following information:

18 (a) The name of each state elected official and the name of each  
19 candidate for state office who was elected to the office and any  
20 member of the immediate family of those persons to whom the person  
21 reporting has paid any compensation in the amount of eight hundred  
22 dollars or more during the preceding calendar year for personal  
23 employment or professional services, including professional services  
24 rendered by a corporation, partnership, joint venture, association,  
25 union, or other entity in which the person holds any office,  
26 directorship, or any general partnership interest, or an ownership  
27 interest of ten percent or more, the value of the compensation in  
28 accordance with the reporting provisions set out in RCW  
29 42.17A.710(2), and the consideration given or performed in exchange  
30 for the compensation.

31 (b) (~~The name of each state elected official, successful~~  
32 ~~candidate for state office, or members of his or her immediate family~~  
33 ~~to whom the person reporting made expenditures, directly or~~  
34 ~~indirectly, either through a lobbyist or otherwise, the amount of the~~  
35 ~~expenditures and the purpose for the expenditures. For the purposes~~  
36 ~~of this subsection, "expenditure" shall not include any expenditure~~  
37 ~~made by the employer in the ordinary course of business if the~~  
38 ~~expenditure is not made for the purpose of influencing, honoring, or~~

1 ~~benefiting the elected official, successful candidate, or member of~~  
2 ~~his immediate family, as an elected official or candidate.~~

3 ~~(e))~~ The total expenditures made by the person reporting for  
4 lobbying purposes, whether through or on behalf of a registered  
5 lobbyist or otherwise.

6 ~~((d))~~ (c) All contributions made to a political committee  
7 supporting or opposing a candidate for state office, or to a  
8 political committee supporting or opposing a statewide ballot  
9 proposition. Such contributions shall be identified by the name and  
10 the address of the recipient and the aggregate amount contributed to  
11 each such recipient.

12 ~~((e))~~ (d) The name and address of each registered lobbyist  
13 employed by the person reporting and the total expenditures made by  
14 the person reporting for each lobbyist for lobbying purposes.

15 ~~((f))~~ (e) The names, offices sought, and party affiliations of  
16 candidates for state offices supported or opposed by independent  
17 expenditures of the person reporting and the amount of each such  
18 expenditure.

19 ~~((g))~~ (f) The identifying proposition number and a brief  
20 description of any statewide ballot proposition supported or opposed  
21 by expenditures not reported under ~~((d))~~ (c) of this subsection and  
22 the amount of each such expenditure.

23 ~~((h))~~ (g) Any other information the commission prescribes by  
24 rule.

25 (2)(a) ~~((Except as provided in (b) of this subsection,))~~ An  
26 employer of a lobbyist registered under this chapter shall file a  
27 special report with the commission if the employer makes a  
28 contribution or contributions aggregating more than one hundred  
29 dollars in a calendar month to any one of the following: A candidate,  
30 elected official, officer or employee of an agency, or political  
31 committee. The report shall identify the date and amount of each such  
32 contribution and the name of the candidate, elected official, agency  
33 officer or employee, or political committee receiving the  
34 contribution or to be benefited by the contribution. The report shall  
35 be filed on a form prescribed by the commission and shall be filed  
36 within fifteen days after the last day of the calendar month during  
37 which the contribution was made.

38 (b) The provisions of (a) of this subsection do not apply to a  
39 contribution that is made through a registered lobbyist and  
40 reportable under RCW 42.17A.425.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17A.710 and 2010 c 204 s 903 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The statement of financial affairs required by RCW 42.17A.700  
4 shall disclose the following information for the reporting individual  
5 and each member of his or her immediate family:

6       (a) Occupation, name of employer, and business address;

7       (b) Each bank account, savings account, and insurance policy in  
8 which a direct financial interest was held that exceeds twenty-four  
9 thousand dollars at any time during the reporting period; each other  
10 item of intangible personal property in which a direct financial  
11 interest was held that exceeds two thousand four hundred dollars  
12 during the reporting period; the name, address, and nature of the  
13 entity; and the nature and highest value of each direct financial  
14 interest during the reporting period;

15       (c) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of  
16 two thousand four hundred dollars or more was owed; the original  
17 amount of each debt to each creditor; the amount of each debt owed to  
18 each creditor as of the date of filing; the terms of repayment of  
19 each debt; and the security given, if any, for each such debt. Debts  
20 arising from a "retail installment transaction" as defined in chapter  
21 63.14 RCW (retail installment sales act) need not be reported;

22       (d) Every public or private office, directorship, and position  
23 held as trustee;

24       (e) All persons for whom any legislation, rule, rate, or standard  
25 has been prepared, promoted, or opposed for current or deferred  
26 compensation. For the purposes of this subsection, "compensation"  
27 does not include payments made to the person reporting by the  
28 governmental entity for which the person serves as an elected  
29 official or state executive officer or professional staff member for  
30 his or her service in office; the description of such actual or  
31 proposed legislation, rules, rates, or standards; and the amount of  
32 current or deferred compensation paid or promised to be paid;

33       (f) The name and address of each governmental entity,  
34 corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship,  
35 association, union, or other business or commercial entity from whom  
36 compensation has been received in any form of a total value of two  
37 thousand four hundred dollars or more; the value of the compensation;  
38 and the consideration given or performed in exchange for the  
39 compensation;

1 (g) The name of any corporation, partnership, joint venture,  
2 association, union, or other entity in which is held any office,  
3 directorship, or any general partnership interest, or an ownership  
4 interest of ten percent or more; the name or title of that office,  
5 directorship, or partnership; the nature of ownership interest; and:  
6 (i) With respect to a governmental unit in which the official seeks  
7 or holds any office or position, if the entity has received  
8 compensation in any form during the preceding twelve months from the  
9 governmental unit, the value of the compensation and the  
10 consideration given or performed in exchange for the compensation;  
11 and (ii) the name of each governmental unit, corporation,  
12 partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, association, union,  
13 or other business or commercial entity from which the entity has  
14 received compensation in any form in the amount of (~~ten~~) twelve  
15 thousand dollars or more during the preceding twelve months and the  
16 consideration given or performed in exchange for the compensation. As  
17 used in (g)(ii) of this subsection, "compensation" does not include  
18 payment for water and other utility services at rates approved by the  
19 Washington state utilities and transportation commission or the  
20 legislative authority of the public entity providing the service.  
21 With respect to any bank or commercial lending institution in which  
22 is held any office, directorship, partnership interest, or ownership  
23 interest, it shall only be necessary to report either the name,  
24 address, and occupation of every director and officer of the bank or  
25 commercial lending institution and the average monthly balance of  
26 each account held during the preceding twelve months by the bank or  
27 commercial lending institution from the governmental entity for which  
28 the individual is an official or candidate or professional staff  
29 member, or all interest paid by a borrower on loans from and all  
30 interest paid to a depositor by the bank or commercial lending  
31 institution if the interest exceeds two thousand (~~four~~) nine  
32 hundred dollars;

33 (h) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as  
34 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of  
35 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve  
36 thousand dollars in which any direct financial interest was acquired  
37 during the preceding calendar year, and a statement of the amount and  
38 nature of the financial interest and of the consideration given in  
39 exchange for that interest;

1 (i) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as  
2 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of  
3 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve  
4 thousand dollars in which any direct financial interest was divested  
5 during the preceding calendar year, and a statement of the amount and  
6 nature of the consideration received in exchange for that interest,  
7 and the name and address of the person furnishing the consideration;

8 (j) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as  
9 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of  
10 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve  
11 thousand dollars in which a direct financial interest was held. If a  
12 description of the property has been included in a report previously  
13 filed, the property may be listed, for purposes of this subsection  
14 (1)(j), by reference to the previously filed report;

15 (k) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as  
16 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of  
17 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds twenty-four  
18 thousand dollars, in which a corporation, partnership, firm,  
19 enterprise, or other entity had a direct financial interest, in which  
20 corporation, partnership, firm, or enterprise a ten percent or  
21 greater ownership interest was held;

22 (~~1) ((A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and  
23 amount, at which food and beverage in excess of fifty dollars was  
24 accepted under RCW 42.52.150(5);~~

25 ~~(m))~~ A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and  
26 amount, at which items specified in RCW 42.52.010(~~((+10+))~~) (9) (d) and  
27 (f) were accepted; and

28 (~~((+n+))~~) (m) Such other information as the commission may deem  
29 necessary in order to properly carry out the purposes and policies of  
30 this chapter, as the commission shall prescribe by rule.

31 (2) Where an amount is required to be reported under subsection  
32 (1)(a) through (~~((+m+))~~) (1) of this section, it shall be sufficient to  
33 comply with the requirement to report whether the amount is less than  
34 four thousand five hundred dollars, at least four thousand five  
35 hundred dollars but less than twenty-four thousand dollars, at least  
36 twenty-four thousand dollars but less than forty-eight thousand  
37 dollars, at least forty-eight thousand dollars but less than one  
38 hundred twenty thousand dollars, or one hundred twenty thousand  
39 dollars or more. An amount of stock may be reported by number of  
40 shares instead of by market value. No provision of this subsection

1 may be interpreted to prevent any person from filing more information  
2 or more detailed information than required.

3 (3) Items of value given to an official's or employee's spouse,  
4 domestic partner, or family member are attributable to the official  
5 or employee, except the item is not attributable if an independent  
6 business, family, or social relationship exists between the donor and  
7 the spouse, domestic partner, or family member.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.52.120 and 1997 c 318 s 1 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) No state officer or state employee may receive any thing of  
11 economic value under any contract or grant outside of his or her  
12 official duties. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply  
13 (~~where the state officer or state employee has complied with RCW~~  
14 ~~42.52.030(2) or~~) when each of the following conditions are met:

- 15 (a) The contract or grant is bona fide and actually performed;
- 16 (b) The performance or administration of the contract or grant is  
17 not within the course of the officer's or employee's official duties,  
18 or is not under the officer's or employee's official supervision;
- 19 (c) The performance of the contract or grant is not prohibited by  
20 RCW 42.52.040 or by applicable laws or rules governing outside  
21 employment for the officer or employee;
- 22 (d) The contract or grant is neither performed for nor  
23 compensated by any person from whom such officer or employee would be  
24 prohibited by RCW 42.52.150(~~(+4)~~) from receiving a gift;
- 25 (e) The contract or grant is not one expressly created or  
26 authorized by the officer or employee in his or her official  
27 capacity;
- 28 (f) The contract or grant would not require unauthorized  
29 disclosure of confidential information.

30 (2) In addition to satisfying the requirements of subsection (1)  
31 of this section, a state officer or state employee may have a  
32 beneficial interest in a grant or contract or a series of  
33 substantially identical contracts or grants with a state agency only  
34 if:

- 35 (a) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an  
36 open and competitive bidding process in which more than one bid or  
37 grant application was received; or
- 38 (b) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an  
39 open and competitive bidding or selection process in which the

1 officer's or employee's bid or proposal was the only bid or proposal  
2 received and the officer or employee has been advised by the  
3 appropriate ethics board, before execution of the contract or grant,  
4 that the contract or grant would not be in conflict with the proper  
5 discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties; or

6 (c) The process for awarding the contract or issuing the grant is  
7 not open and competitive, but the officer or employee has been  
8 advised by the appropriate ethics board that the contract or grant  
9 would not be in conflict with the proper discharge of the officer's  
10 or employee's official duties.

11 (3) A state officer or state employee awarded a contract or  
12 issued a grant in compliance with subsection (2) of this section  
13 shall file the contract or grant with the appropriate ethics board  
14 within thirty days after the date of execution; however, if  
15 proprietary formulae, designs, drawings, or research are included in  
16 the contract or grant, the proprietary formulae, designs, drawings,  
17 or research may be deleted from the contract or grant filed with the  
18 appropriate ethics board.

19 (4) This section does not prevent a state officer or state  
20 employee from receiving compensation contributed from the treasury of  
21 the United States, another state, county, or municipality if the  
22 compensation is received pursuant to arrangements entered into  
23 between such state, county, municipality, or the United States and  
24 the officer's or employee's agency. This section does not prohibit a  
25 state officer or state employee from serving or performing any duties  
26 under an employment contract with a governmental entity.

27 (5) As used in this section, "officer" and "employee" do not  
28 include officers and employees who, in accordance with the terms of  
29 their employment or appointment, are serving without compensation  
30 from the state of Washington or are receiving from the state only  
31 reimbursement of expenses incurred or a predetermined allowance for  
32 such expenses.

33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.52.150 and 2011 c 60 s 29 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) No state officer or state employee or member of the officer's  
36 or employee's immediate family may accept gifts, other than those  
37 specified in subsection((s)) (2) ((and(5))) of this section(~~(, with~~  
38 ~~an aggregate value in excess of fifty dollars from a single source in~~  
39 ~~a calendar year or a single gift from multiple sources with a value~~

1 in excess of fifty dollars. For purposes of this section, "single  
2 source" means any person, as defined in RCW 42.52.010, whether acting  
3 directly or through any agent or other intermediary, and "single  
4 gift" includes any event, item, or group of items used in conjunction  
5 with each other or any trip including transportation, lodging, and  
6 attendant costs, not excluded from the definition of gift under RCW  
7 42.52.010. The value of gifts given to an officer's or employee's  
8 family member or guest shall be attributed to the official or  
9 employee for the purpose of determining whether the limit has been  
10 exceeded,)) unless an independent business, family, or social  
11 relationship exists between the donor and the family member ((or  
12 guest)).

13 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the  
14 following items are presumed not to influence under RCW 42.52.140,  
15 and may be accepted without regard to the ((limit established by)) no  
16 gift policy in subsection (1) of this section:

17 (a) ((Unsolicited flowers, plants, and floral arrangements;

18 (b) Unsolicited advertising or promotional items of nominal  
19 value, such as pens and note pads;

20 (e)) Unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation in the form of  
21 a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento, or similar item;

22 ((d)) (b) Unsolicited items received by a state officer or  
23 state employee for the purpose of evaluation or review, if the  
24 officer or employee has no personal beneficial interest in the  
25 eventual use or acquisition of the item by the officer's or  
26 employee's agency;

27 ((e)) (c) Informational material, publications, or  
28 subscriptions related to the recipient's performance of official  
29 duties;

30 ((f) Food and beverages consumed at hosted receptions where  
31 attendance is related to the state officer's or state employee's  
32 official duties;

33 (g)) (d) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of  
34 real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise accepted  
35 and solicited for deposit in the legislative international trade  
36 account created in RCW 43.15.050;

37 ((h)) (e) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of  
38 real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise accepted  
39 and solicited for the purpose of promoting the expansion of tourism  
40 as provided for in RCW 43.330.090; and

1       ~~((i) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of real~~  
2 ~~or personal property, or both, solicited on behalf of a national~~  
3 ~~legislative association, 2006 official conference of the national~~  
4 ~~lieutenant governors' association, or host committee for the purpose~~  
5 ~~of hosting an official conference under the circumstances specified~~  
6 ~~in RCW 42.52.820 and section 2, chapter 5, Laws of 2006. Anything~~  
7 ~~solicited or accepted may only be received by the national~~  
8 ~~association or host committee and may not be commingled with any~~  
9 ~~funds or accounts that are the property of any person;~~

10       ~~(j))~~ (f) Admission to, and the cost of food and beverages  
11 consumed at, events sponsored by or in conjunction with a civic,  
12 charitable, governmental, or community organization(~~(; and~~

13       ~~(k) Unsolicited gifts from dignitaries from another state or a~~  
14 ~~foreign country that are intended to be personal in nature)), as long  
15 as the purpose of the event is not to influence state officers or  
16 employees.~~

17       (3) The presumption in subsection (2) of this section is  
18 rebuttable and may be overcome based on the circumstances surrounding  
19 the giving and acceptance of the item.

20       (4) Notwithstanding subsection(~~(s)~~) (2) (~~(and—(5))~~) of this  
21 section, a state officer or state employee of a regulatory agency or  
22 of an agency that seeks to acquire goods or services who participates  
23 in those regulatory or contractual matters may receive, accept, take,  
24 or seek, directly or indirectly, only the following items from a  
25 person regulated by the agency or from a person who seeks to provide  
26 goods or services to the agency:

27       ~~(a) ((Unsolicited advertising or promotional items of nominal~~  
28 ~~value, such as pens and note pads;~~

29       ~~(b))~~ Unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation in the form of  
30 a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento, or similar item;

31       ~~((e))~~ (b) Unsolicited items received by a state officer or  
32 state employee for the purpose of evaluation or review, if the  
33 officer or employee has no personal beneficial interest in the  
34 eventual use or acquisition of the item by the officer's or  
35 employee's agency;

36       ~~((d))~~ (c) Informational material, publications, or  
37 subscriptions related to the recipient's performance of official  
38 duties;

1        ~~((e) Food and beverages consumed at hosted receptions where~~  
2 ~~attendance is related to the state officer's or state employee's~~  
3 ~~official duties;~~

4        ~~(f))~~ (d) Admission to, and the cost of food and beverages  
5 consumed at, events sponsored by or in conjunction with a civic,  
6 charitable, governmental, or community organization, as long as the  
7 purpose of the event is not to influence state officers or employees;  
8 and

9        ~~((g))~~ (e) Those items excluded from the definition of gift in  
10 RCW 42.52.010 except:

11        (i) Payments by a governmental or nongovernmental entity of  
12 reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a speech,  
13 presentation, appearance, or trade mission made in an official  
14 capacity; and

15        (ii) Payments for seminars and educational programs sponsored by  
16 a bona fide governmental or nonprofit professional, educational,  
17 trade, or charitable association or institution(~~;~~and

18        ~~(iii) Flowers, plants, and floral arrangements.~~

19        ~~(5) A state officer or state employee may accept gifts in the~~  
20 ~~form of food and beverage on infrequent occasions in the ordinary~~  
21 ~~course of meals where attendance by the officer or employee is~~  
22 ~~related to the performance of official duties. Gifts in the form of~~  
23 ~~food and beverage that exceed fifty dollars on a single occasion~~  
24 ~~shall be reported as provided in chapter 42.17A RCW)).~~

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