

**WAC 296-133-250 Actionable charges—Dismissals.** Upon receipt of an unfair labor practice charge, the department shall determine whether or not the complainant has alleged actionable charges of unfair labor practices under the provisions of the act. If the department finds that actionable charges have been alleged by the complainant, the department may give notice of not less than three days to the parties to the controversy that an informal hearing conference will be held at which conference testimony and evidence will be taken under oath to determine whether such charges are factually meritorious or frivolous. If the charges are found to be actionable charges and the evidence obtained at the informal hearing conference discloses that the charges are made in good faith and give rise to substantial questions of fact or law, the department shall issue a complaint and schedule the matter for hearing. If the informal hearing conference discloses that the unfair labor practice charges are frivolous and not made in good faith and do not give rise to substantial questions of fact or law, the unfair labor practice charges shall be dismissed and those persons or organizations named in such charges shall be notified in writing of such dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal. If the department finds that actionable charges have not been alleged under the provisions of the act, the unfair labor practice charges shall be dismissed and those persons or organizations named in such charges shall be notified in writing of such dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal.

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