

WAC 287-04-031 Gifts. (1) "Gifts" and "thing of economic value"

(a) No employee of the board or member of the board shall receive, accept, seek or solicit, directly or indirectly, any gift as defined in RCW 42.52.010(18) if such employee or member of the board has reason to believe that it could be reasonably expected that the gift, gratuity, or favor would influence the vote, action, or judgment of the officer or employee, or be considered as part of a reward for action or inaction.

(b) No employee of the board or member of the board shall accept gifts, except those specified in RCW 42.52.150 (2) and (5), with an aggregate value in excess of fifty dollars from a single source in a calendar year or a single gift from multiple sources.

(c) Notwithstanding the above exception found in RCW 42.52.150 (2) and (5), a board member or an employee of the board who participates in the acquisition of goods and services cannot accept things of economic value from a person who seeks to provide goods or services to the board, except for those items specifically listed in RCW 42.52.150(4).

(2) No employee of the board or board member may accept honorarium under the circumstances set forth in RCW 42.52.130. An employee or board member may accept honorarium if all of the following are met:

(a) The employee or board member will not be carrying out their agency duties nor engaging in activity which focuses specifically on the board's responsibilities, policies or programs;

(b) The honorarium is not being offered because of the employee's or board member's official position in the board;

(c) The topic is such that it does not appear that the employee or board member could have used information acquired in the course of employment or membership on the board;

(d) The honorarium is not being offered by a person or entity which does business with or can reasonably be expected to seek business with the board; and

(e) No use of government time or resources was used by the employee or board member to produce the materials or prepare for the article, appearance, or item for which the honorarium is being given.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.33A.110 and 42.52.200. WSR 98-01-138, § 287-04-031, filed 12/19/97, effective 1/19/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.33A.110. WSR 95-15-081, § 287-04-031, filed 7/18/95, effective 8/18/95; WSR 93-04-008, § 287-04-031, filed 1/22/93, effective 2/22/93.]