WAC 208-620-601 What assistance may the department seek in conducting an investigation or examination of my business? In order to carry out the purposes of RCW 31.04.145, the director may: (1) Retain attorneys, accountants, or other professionals and

(1) Retain attorneys, accountants, or other professionals and specialists as examiners, auditors, or investigators to conduct or assist in the conduct of examinations or investigations;

(2) Enter into agreements or relationships with other government officials or regulatory associations in order to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by sharing resources, standardized or uniform methods or procedures, and documents, records, information, or evidence obtained under this section;

(3) Use, hire, contract, or employ public or privately available analytical systems, methods, or software to examine or investigate the licensee, individual, or person subject to this act;

(4) Accept and rely on examination or investigation reports made by other government officials, within or without this state;

(5) Accept audit reports made by an independent certified public accountant for the licensee, individual, or person subject to this act in the course of that part of the examination covering the same general subject matter as the audit and may incorporate the audit report in the report of the examination, report of investigation, or other writing of the director; or

(6) Assess the licensee, individual, or person subject to this act the cost of the services in this subsection.

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