

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION  
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**06-03-05      Request by Joseph Zarelli  
State Senator, 18th District**

- 1.    May employees exercise their rights of nonassociation with a union under RCW 41.80.100(2) based on their strongly held private religious objection to union membership, even if their objections are not based on the teachings of a church or religious body?**
  
- 2.    Who makes the determination that employees qualify for the right of nonassociation under RCW 41.80.100(2), and what proof is necessary?**
  
- 3.    May employees who pay the union fees and dues required by RCW 41.80.100 by personal check or other method instead of through a payroll deduction be discharged for failing to use the payroll deduction method?**

