

**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).

**97-02-09 Request by State Representative Joyce Mullikin
13th Legislative District**

1. Was the legislative intent of RCW 46.61.582 to allow free parking for unlimited periods of time in any disabled parking spot be it on private or public land?
2. If it is not only for parking spots on public land, could a disabled person park their car in a handicapped spot on a private lot or in front of a private business and leave it there for an unlimited amount of time?
3. If the law is to ensure this free parking for unlimited periods of time, who is responsible for enforcing it? By enforcement I mean, who ensures that a business, such as an airport long-term parking facility, does not charge the disabled person for parking?
4. If this is enforced, how is it done? Does a disabled person have to first pay, if being forced by the parking attendant in order to get out of the lot, and then report the incident to the appropriate law enforcer?

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