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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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

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You may provide your comments to the attorney general's office (AGO) by email to [OpinionComments@atg.wa.gov](mailto:OpinionComments@atg.wa.gov) or by writing to the Office of the Attorney General, Solicitor General Division, Attention Opinions Chief, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100. We will consider any comments we receive before we complete our opinion. Although there is no deadline for submitting comments, comments are the most helpful if received within 30 days of this notice. Comments focused solely on what the law should be are less helpful than comments that interpret current law. You may also request a copy of the opinion request in which you are interested and information about the attorney general's opinion process.

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AGO seeks public input on the following opinion request(s):

**Opinion Docket No. 23-12-01  
Request by Representative Jim Walsh, District 19****QUESTION(S) :**

1. May owners may sell assault weapons to pawnbrokers pursuant to subsection 3(2)(c) outside the context of an unredeemed pledge?
2. May pawnbrokers may sell firearms acquired in this way online or in person to nonresidents?
3. May an owner of a pawned assault weapon offer to sell that firearm to the pawnbroker, prior to the loan period expiring, for the purpose of selling or transferring the assault weapon to a person who does not reside in this state?