(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, consistent with the state policy to encourage basic and applied scientific research by the state's research universities as stated in RCW 28B.140.005, each state university and implement one develop, adopt, or more administrative processes that shall, upon approval by the governor, apply in place of the obligations imposed on state universities and state university research employees under RCW 42.52.030, 42.52.040, 42.52.080, 42.52.110, 42.52.120, 42.52.130, 42.52.140, 42.52.150, and 42.52.160. A state university research employee in compliance with the processes authorized in this act shall be deemed to be in compliance with RCW 42.52.030, 42.52.040, 42.52.080, 42.52.110, 42.52.120, 42.52.130, 42.52.140, 42.52.150, and 42.52.160.

Requires the executive ethics board to enforce activity subject to the written approval processes under this act, as provided in RCW 42.52.360.

Directs the executive ethics board to enforce chapter 42.52.RCW with regard to the activities of state university research employees as provided in this act.

Provides that, with respect to compliance with RCW 42.52.030, 42.52.110, 42.52.130, 42.52.140, and 42.52.150, the administrative process shall be consistent with and adhere to no less than the current standards in regulations of the United States public health service and the office of the secretary of the department of health and human services in Title 42 C.F.R. Part 50, Subpart F relating to promotion of objectivity in research.

Provides that, with respect to compliance with RCW 42.52.040, 42.52.080, and 42.52.120, the administrative process shall include a comprehensive system for the disclosure, review, and approval of outside work activities by state university research employees while assuring that such employees are fulfilling their employment obligations to the state university.

Provides that, with respect to compliance with RCW 42.52.160, the administrative process shall include a reasonable determination by the state university of acceptable private uses having de minimis costs to the state university and a method for establishing fair and reasonable reimbursement charges for private uses the costs of which are in excess of de minimis.