

WAC 240-06-110 Review of denials of public records requests.

(1) Any person who objects to the denial of a request for a public record may petition for prompt review of such decision by tendering a written request for review to the public records officer. The written request shall specifically refer to the written statement by the public records officer or other staff member which constituted or accompanied the denial.

(2) Immediately after receiving a written request for review of a decision denying a public record, the public records officer shall refer it to the administrative assistant to the governor. The administrative assistant, or such member of the staff designated to so act in the absence of the administrative assistant, shall promptly consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial or refer the matter to the governor to review the denial. In any case, if possible, the request shall be returned with a final decision within two business days following the original denial.

(3) Administrative remedies shall not be considered exhausted until the office has returned the petition with a decision or until the close of the second business day following the denial of inspection, whichever occurs first.

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