

**WAC 67-10-130 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. 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 or other staff member denying the request shall refer it to the director. The director shall immediately consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial or call a special meeting of the members of the staff necessary to properly consider the matter and/or request a legal review thereof by the assistant attorney general representing the department. In any case, the request shall be returned with a final decision, within five business days following the original denial.

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

[Statutory Authority: 1983 c 194 § 18. WSR 84-01-040 (Order 83-06), § 67-10-130, filed 12/15/83. Formerly WAC 67-14-130.]