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

The Washington attorney general routinely publishes notice of an opportunity to comment for opinion requests that we receive from the heads of state agencies, state legislators, and county prosecuting attorneys if we anticipate publishing a formal opinion in response to the request. We do so in order to provide members of the public with a chance to provide any legal analysis that they would like us to consider as we develop our opinion. In preparing any comments, please be aware that our opinion will provide our considered legal analysis of the question presented, and therefore comments that address the interpretation of the law are more helpful than comments that express an opinion as to what the law should be.

You may provide your comments to the attorney general's office by email to 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. You may also request a copy of the opinion request in which you are interested and information about the attorney general's opinion process.

The attorney general's office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s):

Opinion Docket No. 25-02-01

Request by Chairman Fred Wade, Washington State Collection Agency Board

QUESTION:

Are the regulations contained in the Collection Agency Act, chapter 19.16 RCW, enforceable against licensees collecting public debts, also known as legal financial obligations (LFOs), under RCW 19.16.500 or RCW 3.02.045?