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1 AN ACT Relating to the acceptance of gifts by state officers and
2 employees; amending RCW 42.17A.615, 42.17A.620, 42.17A.630,
3 42.17A.710, 42.52.120, and 42.52.150; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** State officers and employees receive a
6 salary and are paid per diem to cover lodging, meals, and travel when
7 attending out-of-town meetings, training, conferences, or other work-
8 related events. Legislators are paid a daily allowance in lieu of per
9 diem for each day they are engaged in legislative business. Unlike
10 other state officers and officials, legislators are not required to
11 deduct the cost of a free meal by lobbyists from their allowance.
12 While lobbying and government relations are important and integral to
13 state government and aid in representing the views of many groups of
14 citizens who have a common interest, the acceptance of free meals and
15 gifts is perceived by the public to influence, regardless of the
16 amount of money spent. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature
17 that food, beverages, gifts, and entertainment may not be accepted by
18 state officers and employees.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.615 and 2010 c 204 s 804 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

1 (1) Any lobbyist registered under RCW 42.17A.600 and any person
2 who lobbies shall file with the commission monthly reports of his or
3 her lobbying activities. The reports shall be made in the form and
4 manner prescribed by the commission and must be signed by the
5 lobbyist. The monthly report shall be filed within fifteen days after
6 the last day of the calendar month covered by the report.

7 (2) The monthly report shall contain:

8 (a) The totals of all expenditures for lobbying activities made
9 or incurred by the lobbyist or on behalf of the lobbyist by the
10 lobbyist's employer during the period covered by the report.
11 Expenditure totals for lobbying activities shall be segregated
12 according to financial category, including compensation; (~~food and~~
13 ~~refreshments;~~) living accommodations; advertising; travel;
14 contributions; and other expenses or services. (~~Each individual~~
15 ~~expenditure of more than twenty five dollars for entertainment shall~~
16 ~~be identified by date, place, amount, and the names of all persons~~
17 ~~taking part in the entertainment, along with the dollar amount~~
18 ~~attributable to each person, including the lobbyist's portion.~~)

19 (b) In the case of a lobbyist employed by more than one employer,
20 the proportionate amount of expenditures in each category incurred on
21 behalf of each of the lobbyist's employers.

22 (c) An itemized listing of each contribution of money or of
23 tangible or intangible personal property, whether contributed by the
24 lobbyist personally or delivered or transmitted by the lobbyist, to
25 any candidate, elected official, or officer or employee of any
26 agency, or any political committee supporting or opposing any ballot
27 proposition, or for or on behalf of any candidate, elected official,
28 or officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
29 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition. All contributions made
30 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate, elected official, or
31 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
32 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition shall be identified by
33 date, amount, and the name of the candidate, elected official, or
34 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
35 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition receiving, or to be
36 benefited by each such contribution.

37 (d) The subject matter of proposed legislation or other
38 legislative activity or rule making under chapter 34.05 RCW, the
39 state administrative procedure act, and the state agency considering
40 the same, which the lobbyist has been engaged in supporting or

1 opposing during the reporting period, unless exempt under RCW
2 42.17A.610(2).

3 ~~(e) ((A listing of each payment for an item specified in RCW
4 42.52.150(5) in excess of fifty dollars and each item specified in
5 RCW 42.52.010(10) (d) and (f) made to a state elected official, state
6 officer, or state employee. Each item shall be identified by
7 recipient, date, and approximate value of the item.~~

8 ~~(f))~~) The total expenditures paid or incurred during the
9 reporting period by the lobbyist for lobbying purposes, whether
10 through or on behalf of a lobbyist or otherwise, for (i) political
11 advertising as defined in RCW 42.17A.005; and (ii) public relations,
12 telemarketing, polling, or similar activities if the activities,
13 directly or indirectly, are intended, designed, or calculated to
14 influence legislation or the adoption or rejection of a rule,
15 standard, or rate by an agency under the administrative procedure
16 act. The report shall specify the amount, the person to whom the
17 amount was paid, and a brief description of the activity.

18 (3) Lobbyists are not required to report the following:

19 (a) Unreimbursed personal living and travel expenses not incurred
20 directly for lobbying;

21 (b) Any expenses incurred for his or her own living
22 accommodations;

23 (c) Any expenses incurred for his or her own travel to and from
24 hearings of the legislature;

25 (d) Any expenses incurred for telephone, and any office expenses,
26 including rent and salaries and wages paid for staff and secretarial
27 assistance.

28 (4) The commission may adopt rules to vary the content of
29 lobbyist reports to address specific circumstances, consistent with
30 this section. Lobbyist reports are subject to audit by the
31 commission.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.620 and 2010 c 204 s 805 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) When a listing or a report of contributions is made to the
35 commission under RCW 42.17A.615(2)(c), a copy of the listing or
36 report must be given to the candidate, elected official, professional
37 staff member of the legislature, or officer or employee of an agency,
38 or a political committee supporting or opposing a ballot proposition
39 named in the listing or report.

1 (2) If a state elected official or a member of the official's
2 immediate family is identified by a lobbyist in a lobbyist report as
3 having received from the lobbyist an item specified in RCW
4 (~~(42.52.150(5) or~~) 42.52.010(~~(10)~~) (9) (d) or (f), the lobbyist
5 shall transmit to the official a copy of the completed form used to
6 identify the item in the report at the same time the report is filed
7 with the commission.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17A.630 and 2010 c 204 s 807 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Every employer of a lobbyist registered under this chapter
11 during the preceding calendar year and every person other than an
12 individual that made contributions aggregating to more than sixteen
13 thousand dollars or independent expenditures aggregating to more than
14 eight hundred dollars during the preceding calendar year shall file
15 with the commission on or before the last day of February of each
16 year a statement disclosing for the preceding calendar year the
17 following information:

18 (a) The name of each state elected official and the name of each
19 candidate for state office who was elected to the office and any
20 member of the immediate family of those persons to whom the person
21 reporting has paid any compensation in the amount of eight hundred
22 dollars or more during the preceding calendar year for personal
23 employment or professional services, including professional services
24 rendered by a corporation, partnership, joint venture, association,
25 union, or other entity in which the person holds any office,
26 directorship, or any general partnership interest, or an ownership
27 interest of ten percent or more, the value of the compensation in
28 accordance with the reporting provisions set out in RCW
29 42.17A.710(2), and the consideration given or performed in exchange
30 for the compensation.

31 (b) (~~The name of each state elected official, successful~~
32 ~~candidate for state office, or members of his or her immediate family~~
33 ~~to whom the person reporting made expenditures, directly or~~
34 ~~indirectly, either through a lobbyist or otherwise, the amount of the~~
35 ~~expenditures and the purpose for the expenditures. For the purposes~~
36 ~~of this subsection, "expenditure" shall not include any expenditure~~
37 ~~made by the employer in the ordinary course of business if the~~
38 ~~expenditure is not made for the purpose of influencing, honoring, or~~

1 ~~benefiting the elected official, successful candidate, or member of~~
2 ~~his immediate family, as an elected official or candidate.~~

3 ~~(e))~~ The total expenditures made by the person reporting for
4 lobbying purposes, whether through or on behalf of a registered
5 lobbyist or otherwise.

6 ~~((d))~~ (c) All contributions made to a political committee
7 supporting or opposing a candidate for state office, or to a
8 political committee supporting or opposing a statewide ballot
9 proposition. Such contributions shall be identified by the name and
10 the address of the recipient and the aggregate amount contributed to
11 each such recipient.

12 ~~((e))~~ (d) The name and address of each registered lobbyist
13 employed by the person reporting and the total expenditures made by
14 the person reporting for each lobbyist for lobbying purposes.

15 ~~((f))~~ (e) The names, offices sought, and party affiliations of
16 candidates for state offices supported or opposed by independent
17 expenditures of the person reporting and the amount of each such
18 expenditure.

19 ~~((g))~~ (f) The identifying proposition number and a brief
20 description of any statewide ballot proposition supported or opposed
21 by expenditures not reported under ~~((d))~~ (c) of this subsection and
22 the amount of each such expenditure.

23 ~~((h))~~ (g) Any other information the commission prescribes by
24 rule.

25 (2)(a) ~~((Except as provided in (b) of this subsection,))~~ An
26 employer of a lobbyist registered under this chapter shall file a
27 special report with the commission if the employer makes a
28 contribution or contributions aggregating more than one hundred
29 dollars in a calendar month to any one of the following: A candidate,
30 elected official, officer or employee of an agency, or political
31 committee. The report shall identify the date and amount of each such
32 contribution and the name of the candidate, elected official, agency
33 officer or employee, or political committee receiving the
34 contribution or to be benefited by the contribution. The report shall
35 be filed on a form prescribed by the commission and shall be filed
36 within fifteen days after the last day of the calendar month during
37 which the contribution was made.

38 (b) The provisions of (a) of this subsection do not apply to a
39 contribution that is made through a registered lobbyist and
40 reportable under RCW 42.17A.425.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17A.710 and 2010 c 204 s 903 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The statement of financial affairs required by RCW 42.17A.700
4 shall disclose the following information for the reporting individual
5 and each member of his or her immediate family:

6 (a) Occupation, name of employer, and business address;

7 (b) Each bank account, savings account, and insurance policy in
8 which a direct financial interest was held that exceeds twenty-four
9 thousand dollars at any time during the reporting period; each other
10 item of intangible personal property in which a direct financial
11 interest was held that exceeds two thousand four hundred dollars
12 during the reporting period; the name, address, and nature of the
13 entity; and the nature and highest value of each direct financial
14 interest during the reporting period;

15 (c) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of
16 two thousand four hundred dollars or more was owed; the original
17 amount of each debt to each creditor; the amount of each debt owed to
18 each creditor as of the date of filing; the terms of repayment of
19 each debt; and the security given, if any, for each such debt. Debts
20 arising from a "retail installment transaction" as defined in chapter
21 63.14 RCW (retail installment sales act) need not be reported;

22 (d) Every public or private office, directorship, and position
23 held as trustee;

24 (e) All persons for whom any legislation, rule, rate, or standard
25 has been prepared, promoted, or opposed for current or deferred
26 compensation. For the purposes of this subsection, "compensation"
27 does not include payments made to the person reporting by the
28 governmental entity for which the person serves as an elected
29 official or state executive officer or professional staff member for
30 his or her service in office; the description of such actual or
31 proposed legislation, rules, rates, or standards; and the amount of
32 current or deferred compensation paid or promised to be paid;

33 (f) The name and address of each governmental entity,
34 corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship,
35 association, union, or other business or commercial entity from whom
36 compensation has been received in any form of a total value of two
37 thousand four hundred dollars or more; the value of the compensation;
38 and the consideration given or performed in exchange for the
39 compensation;

1 (g) The name of any corporation, partnership, joint venture,
2 association, union, or other entity in which is held any office,
3 directorship, or any general partnership interest, or an ownership
4 interest of ten percent or more; the name or title of that office,
5 directorship, or partnership; the nature of ownership interest; and:
6 (i) With respect to a governmental unit in which the official seeks
7 or holds any office or position, if the entity has received
8 compensation in any form during the preceding twelve months from the
9 governmental unit, the value of the compensation and the
10 consideration given or performed in exchange for the compensation;
11 and (ii) the name of each governmental unit, corporation,
12 partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, association, union,
13 or other business or commercial entity from which the entity has
14 received compensation in any form in the amount of (~~ten~~) twelve
15 thousand dollars or more during the preceding twelve months and the
16 consideration given or performed in exchange for the compensation. As
17 used in (g)(ii) of this subsection, "compensation" does not include
18 payment for water and other utility services at rates approved by the
19 Washington state utilities and transportation commission or the
20 legislative authority of the public entity providing the service.
21 With respect to any bank or commercial lending institution in which
22 is held any office, directorship, partnership interest, or ownership
23 interest, it shall only be necessary to report either the name,
24 address, and occupation of every director and officer of the bank or
25 commercial lending institution and the average monthly balance of
26 each account held during the preceding twelve months by the bank or
27 commercial lending institution from the governmental entity for which
28 the individual is an official or candidate or professional staff
29 member, or all interest paid by a borrower on loans from and all
30 interest paid to a depositor by the bank or commercial lending
31 institution if the interest exceeds two thousand (~~four~~) nine
32 hundred dollars;

33 (h) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as
34 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of
35 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve
36 thousand dollars in which any direct financial interest was acquired
37 during the preceding calendar year, and a statement of the amount and
38 nature of the financial interest and of the consideration given in
39 exchange for that interest;

1 (i) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as
2 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of
3 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve
4 thousand dollars in which any direct financial interest was divested
5 during the preceding calendar year, and a statement of the amount and
6 nature of the consideration received in exchange for that interest,
7 and the name and address of the person furnishing the consideration;

8 (j) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as
9 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of
10 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds (~~ten~~) twelve
11 thousand dollars in which a direct financial interest was held. If a
12 description of the property has been included in a report previously
13 filed, the property may be listed, for purposes of this subsection
14 (1)(j), by reference to the previously filed report;

15 (k) A list, including legal or other sufficient descriptions as
16 prescribed by the commission, of all real property in the state of
17 Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds twenty-four
18 thousand dollars, in which a corporation, partnership, firm,
19 enterprise, or other entity had a direct financial interest, in which
20 corporation, partnership, firm, or enterprise a ten percent or
21 greater ownership interest was held;

22 (~~1) ((A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and
23 amount, at which food and beverage in excess of fifty dollars was
24 accepted under RCW 42.52.150(5);~~

25 ~~(m))~~ A list of each occasion, specifying date, donor, and
26 amount, at which items specified in RCW 42.52.010(~~(+10)~~) (9) (d) and
27 (f) were accepted; and

28 (~~(+n)~~) (m) Such other information as the commission may deem
29 necessary in order to properly carry out the purposes and policies of
30 this chapter, as the commission shall prescribe by rule.

31 (2) Where an amount is required to be reported under subsection
32 (1)(a) through (~~(+m)~~) (1) of this section, it shall be sufficient to
33 comply with the requirement to report whether the amount is less than
34 four thousand five hundred dollars, at least four thousand five
35 hundred dollars but less than twenty-four thousand dollars, at least
36 twenty-four thousand dollars but less than forty-eight thousand
37 dollars, at least forty-eight thousand dollars but less than one
38 hundred twenty thousand dollars, or one hundred twenty thousand
39 dollars or more. An amount of stock may be reported by number of
40 shares instead of by market value. No provision of this subsection

1 may be interpreted to prevent any person from filing more information
2 or more detailed information than required.

3 (3) Items of value given to an official's or employee's spouse,
4 domestic partner, or family member are attributable to the official
5 or employee, except the item is not attributable if an independent
6 business, family, or social relationship exists between the donor and
7 the spouse, domestic partner, or family member.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.52.120 and 1997 c 318 s 1 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) No state officer or state employee may receive any thing of
11 economic value under any contract or grant outside of his or her
12 official duties. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply
13 (~~where the state officer or state employee has complied with RCW~~
14 ~~42.52.030(2) or~~) when each of the following conditions are met:

- 15 (a) The contract or grant is bona fide and actually performed;
- 16 (b) The performance or administration of the contract or grant is
17 not within the course of the officer's or employee's official duties,
18 or is not under the officer's or employee's official supervision;
- 19 (c) The performance of the contract or grant is not prohibited by
20 RCW 42.52.040 or by applicable laws or rules governing outside
21 employment for the officer or employee;
- 22 (d) The contract or grant is neither performed for nor
23 compensated by any person from whom such officer or employee would be
24 prohibited by RCW 42.52.150(~~(+4)~~) from receiving a gift;
- 25 (e) The contract or grant is not one expressly created or
26 authorized by the officer or employee in his or her official
27 capacity;
- 28 (f) The contract or grant would not require unauthorized
29 disclosure of confidential information.

30 (2) In addition to satisfying the requirements of subsection (1)
31 of this section, a state officer or state employee may have a
32 beneficial interest in a grant or contract or a series of
33 substantially identical contracts or grants with a state agency only
34 if:

- 35 (a) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an
36 open and competitive bidding process in which more than one bid or
37 grant application was received; or
- 38 (b) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an
39 open and competitive bidding or selection process in which the

1 officer's or employee's bid or proposal was the only bid or proposal
2 received and the officer or employee has been advised by the
3 appropriate ethics board, before execution of the contract or grant,
4 that the contract or grant would not be in conflict with the proper
5 discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties; or

6 (c) The process for awarding the contract or issuing the grant is
7 not open and competitive, but the officer or employee has been
8 advised by the appropriate ethics board that the contract or grant
9 would not be in conflict with the proper discharge of the officer's
10 or employee's official duties.

11 (3) A state officer or state employee awarded a contract or
12 issued a grant in compliance with subsection (2) of this section
13 shall file the contract or grant with the appropriate ethics board
14 within thirty days after the date of execution; however, if
15 proprietary formulae, designs, drawings, or research are included in
16 the contract or grant, the proprietary formulae, designs, drawings,
17 or research may be deleted from the contract or grant filed with the
18 appropriate ethics board.

19 (4) This section does not prevent a state officer or state
20 employee from receiving compensation contributed from the treasury of
21 the United States, another state, county, or municipality if the
22 compensation is received pursuant to arrangements entered into
23 between such state, county, municipality, or the United States and
24 the officer's or employee's agency. This section does not prohibit a
25 state officer or state employee from serving or performing any duties
26 under an employment contract with a governmental entity.

27 (5) As used in this section, "officer" and "employee" do not
28 include officers and employees who, in accordance with the terms of
29 their employment or appointment, are serving without compensation
30 from the state of Washington or are receiving from the state only
31 reimbursement of expenses incurred or a predetermined allowance for
32 such expenses.

33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.52.150 and 2011 c 60 s 29 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) No state officer or state employee or member of the officer's
36 or employee's immediate family may accept gifts, other than those
37 specified in subsection ~~((s))~~ (2) ~~((and (5)))~~ of this section ~~((, with~~
38 ~~an aggregate value in excess of fifty dollars from a single source in~~
39 ~~a calendar year or a single gift from multiple sources with a value~~

1 in excess of fifty dollars. For purposes of this section, "single
2 source" means any person, as defined in RCW 42.52.010, whether acting
3 directly or through any agent or other intermediary, and "single
4 gift" includes any event, item, or group of items used in conjunction
5 with each other or any trip including transportation, lodging, and
6 attendant costs, not excluded from the definition of gift under RCW
7 42.52.010. The value of gifts given to an officer's or employee's
8 family member or guest shall be attributed to the official or
9 employee for the purpose of determining whether the limit has been
10 exceeded,)) unless an independent business, family, or social
11 relationship exists between the donor and the family member ((or
12 guest)).

13 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the
14 following items are presumed not to influence under RCW 42.52.140,
15 and may be accepted without regard to the ((limit established by)) no
16 gift policy in subsection (1) of this section:

17 (a) ((Unsolicited flowers, plants, and floral arrangements;

18 (b) Unsolicited advertising or promotional items of nominal
19 value, such as pens and note pads;

20 (e)) Unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation in the form of
21 a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento, or similar item;

22 ((d)) (b) Unsolicited items received by a state officer or
23 state employee for the purpose of evaluation or review, if the
24 officer or employee has no personal beneficial interest in the
25 eventual use or acquisition of the item by the officer's or
26 employee's agency;

27 ((e)) (c) Informational material, publications, or
28 subscriptions related to the recipient's performance of official
29 duties;

30 ((f) Food and beverages consumed at hosted receptions where
31 attendance is related to the state officer's or state employee's
32 official duties;

33 (g)) (d) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of
34 real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise accepted
35 and solicited for deposit in the legislative international trade
36 account created in RCW 43.15.050;

37 ((h)) (e) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of
38 real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise accepted
39 and solicited for the purpose of promoting the expansion of tourism
40 as provided for in RCW 43.330.090; and

1 ~~((i) Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of real~~
2 ~~or personal property, or both, solicited on behalf of a national~~
3 ~~legislative association, 2006 official conference of the national~~
4 ~~lieutenant governors' association, or host committee for the purpose~~
5 ~~of hosting an official conference under the circumstances specified~~
6 ~~in RCW 42.52.820 and section 2, chapter 5, Laws of 2006. Anything~~
7 ~~solicited or accepted may only be received by the national~~
8 ~~association or host committee and may not be commingled with any~~
9 ~~funds or accounts that are the property of any person;~~

10 ~~(j))~~ (f) Admission to, and the cost of food and beverages
11 consumed at, events sponsored by or in conjunction with a civic,
12 charitable, governmental, or community organization(~~(; and~~

13 ~~(k) Unsolicited gifts from dignitaries from another state or a~~
14 ~~foreign country that are intended to be personal in nature)), as long
15 as the purpose of the event is not to influence state officers or
16 employees.~~

17 (3) The presumption in subsection (2) of this section is
18 rebuttable and may be overcome based on the circumstances surrounding
19 the giving and acceptance of the item.

20 (4) Notwithstanding subsection(~~(s)~~) (2) (~~(and—(5))~~) of this
21 section, a state officer or state employee of a regulatory agency or
22 of an agency that seeks to acquire goods or services who participates
23 in those regulatory or contractual matters may receive, accept, take,
24 or seek, directly or indirectly, only the following items from a
25 person regulated by the agency or from a person who seeks to provide
26 goods or services to the agency:

27 ~~(a) ((Unsolicited advertising or promotional items of nominal~~
28 ~~value, such as pens and note pads;~~

29 ~~(b))~~ Unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation in the form of
30 a plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento, or similar item;

31 ~~((e))~~ (b) Unsolicited items received by a state officer or
32 state employee for the purpose of evaluation or review, if the
33 officer or employee has no personal beneficial interest in the
34 eventual use or acquisition of the item by the officer's or
35 employee's agency;

36 ~~((d))~~ (c) Informational material, publications, or
37 subscriptions related to the recipient's performance of official
38 duties;

1 ~~((e) Food and beverages consumed at hosted receptions where~~
2 ~~attendance is related to the state officer's or state employee's~~
3 ~~official duties;~~

4 ~~(f))~~ (d) Admission to, and the cost of food and beverages
5 consumed at, events sponsored by or in conjunction with a civic,
6 charitable, governmental, or community organization, as long as the
7 purpose of the event is not to influence state officers or employees;
8 and

9 ~~((g))~~ (e) Those items excluded from the definition of gift in
10 RCW 42.52.010 except:

11 (i) Payments by a governmental or nongovernmental entity of
12 reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a speech,
13 presentation, appearance, or trade mission made in an official
14 capacity; and

15 (ii) Payments for seminars and educational programs sponsored by
16 a bona fide governmental or nonprofit professional, educational,
17 trade, or charitable association or institution(~~;~~and

18 ~~(iii) Flowers, plants, and floral arrangements.~~

19 ~~(5) A state officer or state employee may accept gifts in the~~
20 ~~form of food and beverage on infrequent occasions in the ordinary~~
21 ~~course of meals where attendance by the officer or employee is~~
22 ~~related to the performance of official duties. Gifts in the form of~~
23 ~~food and beverage that exceed fifty dollars on a single occasion~~
24 ~~shall be reported as provided in chapter 42.17A RCW)).~~

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