

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD

COMPLAINT FORM

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

- THE BOARD IS PRECLUDED BY STATE LAW FROM INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AGAINST PERSONS WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR LEGISLATORS OR WHO WERE NOT LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES OR LEGISLATORS AT THE TIME THE ALLEGED UNETHICAL CONDUCT OCCURRED;
- A COMPLAINT ALLEGING AN ETHICS VIOLATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE BOARD **WITHIN 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION**;
- COMPLAINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED **ON THIS FORM** BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO ONE OF THE ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW. IF SENT BY EMAIL, PLEASE SCAN THE COMPLETED FORM AND EMAIL THE SCANNED COPY TO THE BOARD COUNSEL'S EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

**Jennifer Strus, Board Counsel
Legislative Ethics Board
P.O. Box 40551
Olympia, WA 98504-0551**

OR VIA EMAIL TO:

Jennifer.Strus@leg.wa.gov

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

☐ **Check this box if you are claiming whistleblower protection.¹**

1. Identify the person alleged to have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act (RCW 42.52) and provide the following information, if known:

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

2. **When and where did the ethical violation(s) occur?**

¹ RCW 42.52.410 provides that any legislative employee who files a complaint with the legislative ethics board shall be afforded the protection afforded to a whistleblower under RCW 42.40.050 and 49.60.210(2), subject to the limitations of RCW 42.40.033 and 42.40.910. A legislative employee may not be denied the protections in RCW 42.40 even if the legislative ethics board denies an investigation of the complaint. Under RCW 42.52.420(4), the identity of a person filing a complaint under RCW 42.52.410 is exempt from public disclosure, as provided in RCA 42.56.240.

3. **Please describe the ethical violation(s) in detail** (use additional pages if needed)

4. **Where can we find, or can you provide additional documentation to support your allegations?**

5. **Are there any witnesses? If so, please provide their contact information.**

6. **How did you find out about the information you are disclosing here?**

I certify and swear, under oath, that the facts set forth in this statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.²

Your signature: _____

Date of signature: _____

² RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: (1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor.