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COMPLAINT 2026 – NO. 31
In re Kittelson
October 15, 2026

BOARD COUNSEL'S ORDER OF DISMISSAL – LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION

I. NATURE AND BACKGROUND OF COMPLAINT

Complaint 2026 – No. 31was received on September 28, 2026. The complaint alleges that Respondent violated the Ethics Act through his involvement in a personnel action involving the Complainant.

II. DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

RCW 42.52.320 provides that the Legislative Ethics Board has jurisdiction over legislators and legislative staff. The Respondent is not a state legislator or legislative staff; therefore, the Board lacks personal jurisdiction in this matter.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Pursuant to RCW 42.52.425 and Legislative Ethics Board Rule 1.D., Board Counsel has the authority to dismiss this complaint. Board Counsel finds that the Board lacks personal jurisdiction over the complaint alleging that the Respondent was involved in a personnel action involving the Complainant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this complaint be dismissed.

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