

Proposals – Complimentary Food/Beverage – By Frequency

RCW 42.52.150(5):

A state officer or state employee may accept gifts in the form of food and beverage on infrequent occasions in the ordinary course of meals where attendance by the officer or employee is related to the performance of official duties. Gifts in the form of food and beverages that exceed fifty dollars on a single occasion shall be reported as provided in Chapter 42.17A RCW.

Frequency	Report Required?	How Reported / Nature of Report	Thresholds / Exemptions	Other
52 per year (1 meal /week)	Yes Legislators	House or Senate – Monthly. To include: date, meal type (B, L, D), who paid, amount, and location.	Report gifts of food or beverage over \$5.00 on a single occasion.	The proposal calls for a meal deduction from per diem.
16 per year (4 per quarter based on a calendar year)	Yes Legislators	House or Senate – Monthly. Number of occasions and cost.	Report gifts of food/beverage over \$25.00.	If total cost for those present is over \$25.00, the legislator must report the cost of his or her meal/beverages.
12 per year	Yes Legislators	House or Senate – Monthly. Number of occasions only.	Report gifts of food/beverage over \$5.00 on a single occasion.	The proposal limits reporting to the number of occasions over \$5.00.
3 or 5 per year	Yes Legislators and Lobbyists	House or Senate -- Monthly	Report gifts of food/beverage (anything you can eat or drink) over \$5.00 on a single occasion.	Lobbyists must report as well. Amount of detail is a question.

Similarities

- A. Legislators must report meals
- B. Reports to the House or Senate
- C. Utilize / Adapt to current monthly reporting system
- D. Exempt food/beverage of small / nominal cost

Differences

- A. Frequency
- B. Requirement that lobbyists report
- C. The amount of detail required:
 - a. Number of occasions over \$5.00 per legislator;
 - b. Number of occasions over \$25.00 for all present;
 - c. Number of occasions over \$5.00 with date, type of meal, payor, amount and location
- D. Deduction from per diem
- E. On-line availability