

**WAC 247-12-015 Authority and purpose.** (1) RCW 42.56.070(1) requires each agency to make available for inspection and copying non-exempt "public records" in accordance with published rules. The act defines "public record" at RCW 42.56.010(3) to include any "writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained" by the agency. RCW 42.56.010(3) excludes from the definition of "public record" the records of volunteers that are not otherwise required to be retained by the agency and which are held by volunteers who do not serve in an administrative capacity; have not been appointed by the agency to an agency board, commission or internship; and do not have a supervisory role or delegated authority. RCW 42.56.070(2) requires each agency to set forth "for informational purposes" every law, in addition to the Public Records Act, that exempts or prohibits the disclosure of public records held by that agency.

(2) The purpose of these rules is to establish the procedures the Washington health care facilities authority (authority) will follow in order to provide full access to public records. These rules provide information to persons wishing to request access to public records of the authority and establish processes for both requestors and authority staff that are designed to best assist members of the public in obtaining such access.

(3) The purpose of the act is to provide the public full access to information concerning the conduct of government, mindful of individuals' privacy rights and the desirability of the efficient administration of government. The act and these rules will be interpreted in favor of disclosure. In carrying out its responsibilities under the act, the authority will be guided by the provisions of the act describing its purposes and interpretation.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.37 RCW. WSR 24-11-002, § 247-12-015, filed 5/1/24, effective 6/1/24.]