

WAC 255-01-130 Review of denials of public records requests.

(1) Any person who objects to the denial of a request for a public record may petition for prompt review of such decision by rendering a written request for review. The written request shall specifically refer to the written statement by the public records officer or other staff person which constituted or accompanied the denial.

(2) Immediately after receiving a written request or review of a decision denying a public record, the public records officer or other staff person denying the request shall refer it to the executive director or designee. The executive director shall immediately consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial. In any case, the request shall be returned with a final decision, within two days following the written request for review of the original denial. Whenever possible, the executive director or designee shall first consult with the office of the attorney general.

(3) Administrative remedies shall not be considered exhausted until the executive director has returned the petition with a decision or until the close of the second business day following the request for review, whichever occurs first.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.250. WSR 98-07-071, § 255-01-130, filed 3/17/98, effective 4/17/98.]