

ARTICLE 1

UNION RECOGNITION

(Current Contract Language)

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- 5 **1.1** This Agreement covers the employees in the bargaining units described in
6 Appendix A, entitled “Bargaining Units Represented by the Washington Federation
7 of State Employees,” but it does not cover any statutorily excluded positions or any
8 positions excluded in Appendix A. The titles of the jobs listed in Appendix A are
9 listed for descriptive purposes only. This does not mean that the jobs will continue
10 to exist or be filled.
- 11 **1.2** The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for
12 all employees in bargaining units described in Appendix A and Section 1.3, below.
- 13 **1.3** If the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) certifies the Union as the
14 exclusive representative for a bargaining unit in general government during the
15 term of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement will apply.
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The parties agree that, during the proofreading process for the final 2019-2021 General Government CBA, all gender-specific nouns and pronouns will be modified to replace them with gender-inclusive language.

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1 **ARTICLE 3**

2 **BID SYSTEMS**

3 **3.1 Applicability**

- 4 A. This Article applies only to staff employed at a correctional facility in the
5 Department of Corrections (DOC), or the Department of Veterans Affairs
6 (DVA), and who work in positions that may require relief or coverage. ~~For~~
7 ~~purposes of this article the Special Commitment Center (SCC) and the~~
8 ~~Secure Community Transition Facilities (SCTF) within the Department of~~
9 ~~Social and Health Services (DSHS) will be considered one (1) institution.~~
10 This Article also applies to employees at an institution in the Department of
11 Social and Health Services, the School for the Blind (WSSB), Center for
12 Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL), Washington State Lottery
13 (LOT), ([Section 3.11](#) only), Department of Agriculture (WSDA), ([Section](#)
14 [3.12](#) only) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP) ([Section 3.13](#) only). ~~For~~
15 ~~purposes of this article the Special Commitment Center (SCC) and the~~
16 ~~Secure Community Transition Facilities (SCTF) within the Department of~~
17 ~~Social and Health Services (DSHS) will be considered one (1) institution.~~
18 B. This Article does not apply to the filling of non-permanent, on-call, project
19 or, except at the WSSB and the CDHL, career seasonal positions.

20 **3.2 Definitions**

21 For purposes of this Article only, the following definitions apply:

22 A. Bid Positions

23 Positions filled as a result of a bid.

24 B. Bid System

25 A process allowing employees with permanent status to submit bids to other
26 positions within their employing institution in the same job classification in
27 which they currently hold permanent status or to a lower classification in

1 which they have previously held status. A permanent part-time employee
2 will be eligible to bid for full-time positions after completion of one
3 thousand and forty (1,040) hours of employment within the job
4 classification. A permanent full-time employee will be eligible to bid on
5 part-time positions in the same job classification in which he/she currently
6 holds permanent status or to a lower classification in which he/she has
7 previously held status.

8 C. Position

9 A particular combination of shifts and days off, except for the DSHS, DVA
10 and the DOC. In DSHS, DVA and DOC, a position is defined as a particular
11 combination of shift, days off and location. Within institutions at DSHS, a
12 “float” designation shall be considered a location for bid purposes when the
13 institution has a float pool with permanent positions.

14 **3.3 Components of a Bid**

15 With the exception of DOC, bids will indicate the employee’s choice of shift, days
16 off (and, for DSHS and DVA, location) and job classification. DOC employees will
17 bid by position number. Employees will be responsible for the accuracy of their
18 bids. Each bid will remain active for a period of six (6) months from the date
19 submitted by the employee.

20 **3.4 Submittal and Withdrawal of Bids**

21 Any bids submitted after the date a vacancy is considered to have occurred will not
22 be considered for that vacancy. Employees may withdraw their bids, in writing, at
23 any time prior to the referral.

24 **3.5 New Positions or Reallocated Positions**

25 When a new position is established or a vacant position is reallocated, the Employer
26 will post the position for seven (7) calendar days if the combination of shift and
27 days off (and, for DSHS, DVA and DOC, location) does not currently exist. The
28 agencies will use electronic and/or hard copy methods for notification.

1 **3.6 Vacancy**

2 For purposes of this Article, a vacancy occurs when:

- 3 A. An employee notifies management, in writing, that he or she intends to
4 vacate his or her position; or
- 5 B. Management notifies an employee, in writing, that the employee will be
6 removed from his or her position.

7 **3.7 Awarding a Bid**

8 When a permanent vacancy occurs, the Employer will determine if any employee
9 has submitted a transfer or a voluntary demotion request for the shift and days off.
10 Seniority will prevail provided the employee has the skills and abilities necessary
11 to perform the duties of the position. An employee's bid request may be turned
12 down if the employee has documented attendance or performance problems. The
13 employee will begin working in the new position within forty-five (45) calendar
14 days of being awarded the bid unless circumstances warrant otherwise.

15 **3.8 Commitment Following an Award or Refusal of a Bid**

- 16 A. For all agencies except DSHS, when an employee has been awarded a bid,
17 or refuses an awarded bid, the employee will be prohibited from requesting
18 other bids for a minimum of six (6) months. The six (6) month period will
19 begin on the first day the employee is assigned the new shift and/or days
20 off. All other active bids the employee has on file will be removed from the
21 bid system.
- 22 B. For DSHS, when an employee has been awarded a bid, the employee will
23 be prohibited from requesting other bids for a minimum of twelve (12)
24 months. If an employee refuses an awarded bid, the employee will be
25 prohibited from requesting other bids for a minimum of six (6) months. The
26 time period will begin on the first day the employee is assigned the new

1 shift, days off and/or location. All other active bids the employee has on
2 file will be removed from the bid system.

3 **3.9** Whenever there is need for a major change in residential settings such as
4 elimination of positions or major changes to shifts or assignments, the Union and
5 the Employer may agree to suspend the procedure described in [Sections 3.3](#) through
6 [3.6](#) and [3.8](#) above and allow all employees to bid on positions, which will be filled
7 in accordance with the procedures in [Section 3.7](#) of this Article.

8 **3.10 Reassignment from a Bid Position**

9 Nothing in this Article will preclude management from reassigning an employee
10 from his or her bid position to another position on a different shift or to a position
11 with different days off, provided the employee is notified, in writing, of the
12 reason(s) for the reassignment. A copy of the notice will be sent to the Union.

13 **3.11 Washington State Lottery**

14 A. Prior to a vacant District Sales Representative (DSR) position being open
15 for recruitment, the Regional Sales Manager will have the opportunity to
16 realign or reassign territories. Input from the DSRs within the region will
17 be considered, and the Lottery will look for ways to incorporate changes
18 with the least amount of negative impact to the DSRs. The Regional Sales
19 Manager will determine the position to be open for recruitment, after
20 considering input from the DSRs within the region.

21 B. All DSRs statewide will be notified of vacancies within the bargaining unit.
22 DSRs indicating an interest in a transfer to the vacant position will be
23 considered utilizing the following criteria:

- 24 1. Demonstrated service to retailers.
- 25 2. Efficiency and effectiveness of performance.
- 26 3. Seniority based on employee preference.

1 C. If the employee is not selected after consideration of the first two (2) criteria
2 listed above, the Regional Sales Manager will discuss with the employee
3 the reason(s) for the decision.

4 **3.12 Department of Agriculture – Grain Inspection Program**

5 Bidding and assignment of permanent work shifts for bargaining unit employees
6 will be performed annually, unless a shorter period of time is mutually agreed to
7 between the parties, or at the addition or deletion of a work shift. Seniority criteria
8 for awarding a bid will be based on uninterrupted service date, not including
9 military time, and with due regard for needs of industry, the Employer and
10 employees.

11 This sub-article does not apply to employees in an inspector in-training series.

12 **3.13 Washington State Patrol – Fingerprint Technicians, Leads and Supervisors**

13 Bidding and assignment of permanent work shifts for Fingerprint Technicians,
14 Leads and Supervisors will be performed semi-annually in January and July. New
15 shifts begin on the Sunday closest to January 1 or July 1 regardless of the month in
16 which the Sunday occurs. Openings will be provided for a period of twenty-eight
17 (28) calendar days prior to the beginning of a new schedule and eligible employees
18 may bid on openings during this period. Fingerprint Technician 1s will be subject
19 to training requirements and may be assigned to a shift to meet training needs
20 during probationary periods.

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ARTICLE 4

HIRING AND APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Filling Positions

The Employer will determine when a position will be filled, the type of appointment to be used when filling the position, and the skills and abilities necessary to perform the duties of the specific position within a job classification. Only those candidates who have the position-specific skills and abilities required to perform the duties of the vacant position will be referred for further consideration by the employing agency.

- A. An agency's internal layoff list will consist of employees who have elected to place their name on the layoff list through [Article 34](#), Layoff and Recall, of this Agreement and are confined to each individual agency.
- B. The statewide layoff list will consist of employees who have elected to place their name on the statewide layoff list in accordance with [WAC 357-46-080](#).
- C. A promotional candidate is defined as an employee who has completed the probationary period within a permanent appointment and has attained permanent status within the agency.
- D. A transfer candidate is defined as an employee in permanent status in the same classification as the vacancy within the agency.
- E. A voluntary demotion candidate is defined as an employee in permanent status moving to a class in a lower salary range maximum within the agency.
- F. When filling a vacant position with a permanent appointment, candidates will be certified for further consideration in the following manner:

- 1 1. The most senior candidate on the agency's internal layoff list with
2 the required skills and abilities who has indicated an appropriate
3 geographic availability will be appointed to the position.

- 4 2. If there are no names on the internal layoff list, the agency will
5 certify up to twenty (20) candidates for further consideration. Up to
6 seventy-five percent (75%) of those candidates will be statewide
7 layoff, agency promotional, internal transfers, and agency voluntary
8 demotions. All candidates certified must have the position-specific
9 skills and abilities to perform the duties of the position to be filled.
10 If there is a tie for the last position on the certification for either
11 promotional or other candidates, the agency may consider up to ten
12 (10) additional tied candidates. The agency may supplement the
13 certification with additional tied candidates and replace other
14 candidates who waive consideration with like candidates from the
15 original pool.

- 16 3. Employees in the General Government Transition Pool Program
17 who have the skills and abilities to perform the duties of the vacant
18 position may be considered along with all other candidates who have
19 the skills and abilities to perform the duties of the position.

- 20 4. If the certified candidate pool does not contain at least three (3)
21 affirmative action candidates, the agency may add up to three (3)
22 affirmative action candidates to the names certified for the position.

- 23 5. When recruiting for multiple positions, the agency may add an
24 additional five (5) agency candidates and five (5) other candidates
25 to the certified list for each additional position.

1 **4.2 Recruitment and Application Process**

2 Agencies will determine the recruitment process that will be utilized to fill
3 positions. When recruiting for a bargaining unit position, the recruitment
4 announcement will be posted for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. These
5 may include the Department of Enterprise Services' online recruiting system,
6 agency electronic process, and/or paper applications as indicated on the recruitment
7 announcement. In addition, agencies may use their intranet to post positions.
8 Agencies that use the Department of Enterprise Services' online recruiting system
9 will accept and process agency-defined paper forms. Upon request, agencies will
10 assist employees through the application process.

11 **4.3 Movement – Permanent Employees**

12 A. Within an Agency (excluding the Liquor and Cannabis

- 13 1. Prior to certifying candidates for vacancies in accordance with
14 [Section 4.1](#), an Appointing Authority may grant an administrative
15 transfer, voluntary demotion or elevation within an agency as long
16 as the permanent employee has the skills and abilities required to
17 perform the duties of the position.
- 18 2. Employees desiring a transfer, voluntary demotion or elevation may
19 initiate a request in writing to their agency human resources office,
20 or for DSHS, to the appropriate Appointing Authority.
- 21 3. Appointing authorities will consider these individuals for an
22 opening. Movement requests will be purged twice yearly on June
23 30th and December 31st.
- 24 4. Candidates interviewed will be notified of the hiring decision.
- 25 5. This Subsection does not apply to those positions that have a
26 required bid system established in accordance with [Article 3](#), Bid

1 System, unless the position remains vacant after the completion of
2 the bid process.

3 6. In addition, employees who are interested in a transfer, voluntary
4 demotion or elevation within an agency may also apply in
5 accordance with the processes outlined in [Section 4.2](#), above.

6 B. Outside the Agency

7 1. Prior to certifying candidates for vacancies in accordance with
8 [Section 4.1](#), an Appointing Authority may grant an administrative
9 transfer, voluntary demotion or elevation to a candidate from
10 another agency as long as the permanent employee has the skills and
11 abilities to perform the duties of a position.

12 2. Employees transferring, demoting or elevating from outside the
13 agency will be required to serve a six (6) month review period.
14 Agencies may extend the review period for an individual employee
15 as long as the extension does not cause the total period to exceed
16 twelve (12) months.

17 3. The Employer may separate an employee or an employee may
18 voluntarily separate during the review period. Upon separation, and
19 at the employee's request, the employee's name will be placed on
20 the agency's layoff list. The employee will remain on the list until
21 such time as his or her eligibility expires or he or she has been
22 rehired.

23 4. An employee who is separated during his or her review period may
24 request a review of the separation by the Director or Secretary of the
25 agency or designee within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the
26 effective date of the separation. Separation during the review period

1 will not be subject to the grievance procedure in [Article 29](#),
2 Grievance Procedure.

3 **4.4 Permanent Status**

4 An employee will attain permanent status in a job classification upon his or her successful
5 completion of a probationary, trial service or transition review period.

6 **4.5 Types of Appointment**

7 A. Non-Permanent

8 1. The Employer may make non-permanent appointments to fill in for
9 the absence of a permanent employee, during a workload peak,
10 while recruitment is being conducted, or to reduce the possible
11 effects of a layoff. Non-permanent appointments will not exceed
12 twelve (12) months except when filling in for the absence of a
13 permanent employee or to reduce the effects of a hiring freeze. A
14 non-permanent appointee must have the skills and abilities required
15 for the position.

16 2. A permanent employee who accepts a non-permanent appointment
17 within ~~his or her~~ their agency will have the right to return to ~~his or~~
18 ~~her~~ their prior permanent position in the agency or to a position in
19 the permanent classification ~~he or she~~ they left at the completion of
20 the non-permanent appointment; provided, ~~that 1)~~ the employee has
21 not left the original non-permanent appointment, or 2) multiple non-
22 permanent appointments have not exceeded a total of twelve (12)
23 months, unless the original Appointing Authority agrees otherwise.
24 Upon request, employees who are accepting a non-permanent
25 appointment will be notified of their return rights.

26 An employee with permanent status may accept a non-permanent
27 appointment to another agency. At least fourteen (14) calendar days
28 prior to accepting the appointment, the employee must notify his or

1 her current Appointing Authority of the intent to accept a non-
2 permanent appointment. Upon notification of the employee's intent,
3 the employee's permanent agency will notify the employee, in
4 writing, of any return rights to the agency and the duration of those
5 return rights.

6 At a minimum, the agency must provide the employee access to the
7 agency's internal layoff list.

8 3. The Employer may convert a non-permanent appointment into a
9 permanent appointment if the Employer used a competitive process
10 to fill the non-permanent appointment or if the non-permanent
11 appointment was filled using a veteran placement program. In such
12 circumstances the employee will serve a probationary or trial service
13 period. The Employer must follow Article 3, Bid System or appoint
14 an internal layoff candidate, if one exists, before converting an
15 employee from a non-permanent appointment to a permanent
16 appointment.

17 4. Time spent in the non-permanent appointment will count towards the
18 probationary or trial service period if the employee and the employee's
19 position is converted from a non-permanent appointment to a permanent
20 appointment in accordance with Subsection 3 above.

21 5. Time spent in the non-permanent appointment may count towards the
22 probationary or trial service period for the permanent position within the
23 same job classification.

24 6. The Employer may end a non-permanent appointment at any time by
25 giving one (1) working day's notice to the employee. If an employee is
26 terminated for misconduct and the misconduct for which the employee is
27 terminated is documented in the personnel file, just cause will apply.

1 B. On-Call Employment

2 The Employer may fill a position with an on-call appointment where the
3 work is intermittent in nature, is sporadic and it does not fit a particular
4 pattern. The Employer may end on-call employment at any time by giving
5 notice to the employee. If an employee is terminated for misconduct and the
6 misconduct for which the employee is terminated is documented in the
7 personnel file, just cause will apply.

8 C. In-Training Employment

9 1. The Employer may designate specific positions, groups of positions,
10 or all positions in a job classification or series as in-training. The
11 Employer will determine and document the training program,
12 including a description and length of the program. The in-training
13 plan must include:

- 14 a. The title of the goal class of the in-training plan.
- 15 b. The duties and responsibilities of the goal class.
- 16 c. The job classes that will be used to reach the goal class.
- 17 d. The skills and abilities that must be acquired by the
18 employee while in-training to the goal class.

19 The training plan may include any of the following components:

- 20 e. On-the job training;
- 21 f. Classroom or field instruction;
- 22 g. Courses conducted by an educational institution, vocational
23 school, or professional training organization; or
- 24 h. Written, oral and/or practical examinations(s).

1 Unless other staffing methods have been exhausted, positions with
2 primary responsibility for supervision will not be designated as in-
3 training positions.

4 2. A candidate who is initially hired into an in-training position must
5 successfully complete the job requirements of the appointment. The
6 Employer may separate from state service any employee who has
7 completed the probationary period for an in-training appointment
8 but does not successfully complete the subsequent trial service
9 period(s) required by the in-training program. Employees who are
10 not successful may be separated at any time with one (1) working
11 day's notice from the Employer. Within seven (7) days of the
12 effective date of the separation, the employee may request a review
13 of the separation by the Director or Secretary of the agency or
14 designee.

15 3. An employee with permanent status who accepts an in-training
16 appointment will serve a trial service period(s), depending on the
17 requirements of the in-training program. The trial service period and
18 in-training program will run concurrently. The Employer may revert
19 an employee who does not successfully complete the trial service
20 period(s) at any time with one (1) working day's notice. The
21 employee's reversion right will be to the job classification that the
22 employee held permanent status in prior to his or her in-training
23 appointment, in accordance with Subsections 4.6 B3 and 4.6 B4 of
24 this Article.

25 4. A trial service period may be required for each level of the in-
26 training appointment, or the entire in-training appointment may be
27 designated as the trial service period. The trial service period and in-
28 training program will run concurrently. The Employer will

1 determine the length of the trial service period(s) to be served by an
2 employee in an in-training appointment, however the cumulative
3 total of the trial service periods for the entire in-training appointment
4 will not exceed thirty-six (36) months. The appointment letter will
5 inform the employee of how the trial service period(s) will be
6 applied during the in-training appointment.

7 5. If a trial service period is required for each level of the in-training
8 appointment, the employee will attain permanent status in each
9 classification upon successful completion of the concurrent training
10 program and trial service period at each level.

11 6. If the entire in-training program—meaning all levels within the in-
12 training appointment—is designated as a trial service period, the
13 employee will attain permanent status in the goal classification upon
14 successful completion of the training requirements and concurrent
15 trial service period for the entire in-training program.

16 D. Project Employment

17 1. The Employer may appoint employees into project positions for
18 which employment is contingent upon state, federal, local, grant, or
19 other special funding of specific and of time-limited duration. The
20 Employer will notify the employees, in writing, of the expected
21 ending date of the project employment.

22 2. Employees who have entered into project employment without
23 previously attaining permanent status will serve a probationary
24 period. Employees will gain permanent project status upon
25 successful completion of their probationary period.

26 Employees with permanent project status will serve a trial service
27 period when they:

- 1 a. Promote to another job classification within the project; or
2 b. Transfer or voluntarily demote within the project to another
3 job classification in which they have not attained permanent
4 status.

5 3. The Employer may consider project employees with permanent
6 project status who were appointed without a competitive process for
7 transfer, voluntary demotion, or promotion to ~~non~~-other project
8 positions only. Project employees with permanent project status
9 hired through a competitive process will be eligible under Article
10 4.3 Movement – Permanent Employees, for transfer, voluntary
11 demotion or elevation for project and non-project positions.
12 Employees will serve a trial service period upon transfer, voluntary
13 demotion, or promotion to a non-project position in a job
14 classification that the employees have not previously attained
15 permanent status in.

16 4. For employees hired into a project position prior to July 1, 2013, the
17 Employer may convert a project appointment into a permanent
18 appointment and the employee will serve a probationary or trial
19 service period. For employees hired into a project position on or
20 after July 1, 2013, the Employer may convert a project appointment
21 into a permanent appointment if the Employer used a competitive
22 process to fill the project appointment. In such circumstances, the
23 employee will serve a probationary or trial service period.

24 5. The layoff and recall rights of project employees will be in
25 accordance with the provisions in [Article 34](#), Layoff and Recall.

26 E. Seasonal Career/Cyclic Employment

- 1 1. The Employer may make seasonal career appointments that are
2 cyclical in nature, recur at the same agency at approximately the
3 same time each year, and are anticipated to last for a minimum of
4 five (5) months but are less than twelve (12) months in duration
5 during any consecutive twelve (12) month period.

- 6 2. Upon completion of a six (6) or twelve (12) month probationary
7 period (in accordance with Subsection 4.6 A below) completed in
8 consecutive seasons at the same agency, employees in seasonal
9 career employment will assume the rights of employees with
10 permanent status.

- 11 3. The layoff and recall rights of seasonal career employees will be in
12 accordance with the provisions in [Article 34](#), Layoff and Recall.

13 F. The designation of a position as non-permanent, on-call, in-training or
14 project, or the termination of a non-permanent, on-call, in-training or
15 project appointment is not subject to the grievance procedure in [Article 29](#),
16 Grievance Procedure.

17 **4.6 Review Periods**

18 A. Probationary Period

- 19 1. Every part-time and full-time employee, following his or her initial
20 appointment to a permanent position, will serve a probationary
21 period of six (6) consecutive months, except for employees in any
22 job classification listed in Appendix S, Job Classifications – Twelve
23 Month Probationary Period, will serve a twelve (12) month
24 probationary period. Agencies may extend the probationary period
25 for an individual employee as long as the extension does not cause
26 the total period to exceed twelve (12) months. Employees will be
27 provided with a written explanation for the extension. If the

1 extension is based on performance issues, the employee will receive
2 a performance improvement plan.

3 2. The Employer may separate a probationary employee at any time
4 during the probationary period. The Employer will provide the
5 employee five (5) working days' written notice prior to the effective
6 date of the separation. However, if the Employer fails to provide five
7 (5) working days' notice, the separation will stand and the employee
8 will be entitled to payment of salary for up to five (5) working days,
9 which the employee would have worked had notice been given.
10 Under no circumstances will notice deficiencies or performance
11 improvement plan issues result in an employee gaining permanent
12 status. The separation of a probationary employee will not be subject
13 to the grievance procedure in [Article 29](#), Grievance Procedure.

14 3. The Employer will extend an employee's probationary period, on a
15 day-for-a-day basis, for any day(s) that the employee is on leave
16 without pay or shared leave, except for leave taken for military
17 service.

18 4. An employee who is appointed to a different position prior to
19 completing ~~his or her~~ their initial probationary period ~~will~~ may be
20 required to serve a new probationary period. The length of ~~the a~~ new
21 probationary period will be in accordance with Subsection 4.6 A,
22 unless adjusted by the Appointing Authority for time already served
23 in probationary status. In no case, however, will the total
24 probationary period be less than six (6) consecutive months.

25 5. With approval of the Employer, an employee who accepts a non-
26 permanent appointment to a higher level position in the same job
27 series while serving an initial probationary period, may resume his
28 or her probationary period and receive credit for time already served

1 in probationary status if he/she returns to the same position he/she
2 vacated.

3 6. If the Employer converts the status of a non-permanent appointment
4 to a permanent appointment, the incumbent employee will serve a
5 probationary period. However, the Employer may credit time
6 worked in the non-permanent appointment toward completion of the
7 probationary period within the same job classification as defined in
8 Subsection 4.6 A.

9 B. Trial Service Period

10 1. Employees with permanent status who are promoted, or who
11 voluntarily accept a transfer or demotion into a job classification for
12 which they have not previously attained permanent status, will serve
13 a trial service period of six (6) consecutive months. Agencies may
14 extend the trial service period for an individual employee as long as
15 the extension does not cause the total period to exceed twelve (12)
16 months.

17 Employees in an in-training appointment will follow the provisions
18 outlined in Subsection 4.5 C.

19 2. Any employee serving a trial service period will have his or her trial
20 service period extended, on a day-for-a-day basis, for any day(s) that
21 the employee is on leave without pay or shared leave, except for
22 leave taken for military service.

23 3. An employee who is appointed to a different position prior to
24 completing his or her trial service period will serve a new trial
25 service period. The length of the new trial service period will be in
26 accordance with Subsection 4.6 B, unless adjusted by the appointing
27 authority for time already served in trial service status. In no case,

1 however, will the total trial service period be less than six (6)
2 consecutive months.

3 4. An employee serving a trial service period may voluntarily revert to
4 his or her former permanent position within fifteen (15) days of the
5 appointment, provided that the position has not been filled or an
6 offer has not been made to an applicant. An employee serving a trial
7 service period may voluntarily revert at any time to a funded
8 permanent position in the same agency that is:

9 a. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee and is within
10 the employee's previously held permanent job classification.

11 b. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee at or below
12 the employee's previous salary range.

13 The reversion option, if any, will be determined by the Employer
14 using the order listed above. In both (a) and (b) above, the Employer
15 will determine the position the employee may revert to and the
16 employee must have the skills and abilities required for the position.
17 If possible, the reversion option will be within a reasonable
18 commuting distance for the employee.

19 5. With five (5) working days' written notice by the Employer, an
20 employee who does not satisfactorily complete his or her trial
21 service period will be reverted to a funded permanent position in the
22 same agency, that is:

23 a. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee and is within
24 the employee's previously held permanent job classification.

25 b. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee at or below
26 the employee's previous salary range.

1 The reversion option, if any, will be determined by the Employer
2 using the order listed above. In both (a) and (b) above, the employee
3 being reverted must have the skills and abilities required for the
4 vacant position. If possible, the reversion option will be within a
5 reasonable commuting distance for the employee.

6 If the Employer fails to provide five (5) working days' notice, the
7 reversion will stand and the employee will be entitled to payment of
8 the difference in the salary for up to five (5) working days, which
9 the employee would have worked at the higher level if notice had
10 been given. Under no circumstances will notice deficiencies result
11 in an employee gaining permanent status in the higher classification.

12 6. An employee who has no reversion options or does not revert to the
13 highest classification in which he or she previously attained
14 permanent status may request that his or her name be placed on the
15 agency's internal layoff list for positions in job classifications where
16 he or she had previously attained permanent status.

17 7. An employee who is separated during his or her trial service period
18 may request a review of the separation by the Director or Secretary
19 of the agency or designee within twenty-one (21) calendar days from
20 the effective date of the separation. The reversion of employees who
21 are unsuccessful during their trial service period is not subject to the
22 grievance procedure in [Article 29](#), Grievance Procedure.

23 **4.7 Internal Movement Within Department of Corrections Only**

24 A. Prior to certifying candidates in accordance with [Section 4.1](#), the agency
25 will post vacancies for internal transfer candidates for three (3) business
26 days prior to posting externally. An employee's transfer request will be
27 granted to another position within the bargaining unit provided:

- 1 1. The employee holds permanent status in the job classification;
- 2 2. The employee has demonstrated or been assessed to have the
3 position specific skills, abilities and qualifications necessary to
4 perform the duties of the position;
- 5 3. There are no disciplinary action(s) in his or her personnel file for the
6 past twelve (12) months;
- 7 4. There is no pending disciplinary action or the employee is not under
8 investigation into alleged misconduct;
- 9 5. The employee has not been granted previous internal movement
10 within the past two (2) years;
- 11 6. There are no repeated performance issues being addressed, as
12 documented in the employee's supervisory file;
- 13 7. The appointment will not create a violation of agency policy;
- 14 8. It meets the needs of the work unit.
- 15 9. When posting the vacancy for internal transfer, the posting may
16 include language advising the prospective transfer employee of
17 specific needs and competencies of the position which, if not met,
18 may result in denial of transfer.
- 19 B. Transfer requests under this sub-article must be made in writing and
20 submitted to the local Human Resources Office. If two (2) or more
21 employees request a transfer to the same position and they meet the above
22 criteria, the senior employee will be appointed. If an employee is offered a
23 transfer and refuses the offer, the employee will not be allowed to request
24 another transfer for twelve (12) months.


- 1 C. If an employee requests a transfer and does not meet the criteria listed
2 above, the employee may compete for the position.
- 3 D. The offering of a formal layoff option in accordance with [Article 34](#), Layoff
4 and Recall, a trial service reversion option or demotion option, prior to
5 granting a transfer request under this sub-article, is not a violation of this
6 sub-article, provided notice is given to the union prior to such actions
7 occurring.
- 8 E. This Section is not subject to the grievance procedure in accordance with
9 [Article 29](#), Grievance Procedure. If an employee requests a transfer and it
10 is denied, the employee may request a review by the Department of
11 Corrections Secretary or designee (Deputy/Assistant Secretary) within
12 twenty-one (21) days from the date the employee was notified in writing
13 that he or she would not be transferred to the vacant position. The request
14 for review must be filed with the Department of Corrections Labor
15 Relations Office. The Secretary or designee will respond in writing within
16 thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for review.
- 17 F. This Section does not apply to filling positions covered under [Article 3](#), Bid
18 System, non-permanent, on-call, or project positions.

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25 **DATE**

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent and reliable data collection processes to support effective decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in data management and analysis. It discusses how modern software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and reporting, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data management, such as data quality, security, and integration. It provides strategies to overcome these challenges and ensure that the data is reliable and secure.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of data governance and the role of various stakeholders in ensuring data integrity and compliance with regulatory requirements.

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7. The seventh part of the document includes a list of references and sources used in the research. It provides a clear and concise list of the literature and data sources that informed the analysis.

8. The eighth part of the document contains a list of appendices, including detailed data tables, charts, and additional information that supports the main findings of the report.

27 performance goals and expectations. Employees will receive copies of their
28 performance goals and expectations as well as notification of any modifications
29 made during the review period.

30 B. The supervisor will discuss the evaluation with the employee. The employee will
31 have the opportunity to provide feedback on the evaluation. The discussion may
32 include such topics as:

- 33 1. Reviewing the employee's performance;
- 34 2. Identifying ways the employee may improve his or her performance;
- 35 3. Updating the employee's position description, if necessary;
- 36 4. Identifying performance goals and expectations for the next appraisal
37 period; and
- 38 5. Identifying employee training and development needs.

39 C. The performance evaluation process will include, but not be limited to, a
40 performance evaluation on forms used by the Employer, the employee's written
41 signature or electronic acknowledgment of the forms, and any comments by the
42 employee. The evaluation, including employee comments, will be considered by
43 the reviewer. Once completed and signed/acknowledged by the reviewer, a copy
44 will be provided to the employee (with reviewer comments, if any), who may
45 provide responsive comments to be attached to the evaluation. The completed and
46 signed/acknowledged performance evaluation form, including the employee's
47 comments, will be maintained in the employee's personnel file.

48 D. The evaluation process is subject to the grievance procedure. The specific content
49 of performance evaluations are not subject to the grievance procedure.

50 E. If an employee has been fully exonerated of misconduct in a disciplinary

51 grievance by the Employer or an arbitrator or the Employer determines that
52 allegations of misconduct are false, then references to the misconduct in the
53 performance evaluation will be removed. If the Employer fails to remove the
54 applicable portions of the performance evaluation, the failure to remove those
55 references is subject to the grievance procedure. However, the Employer may
56 retain this information in a legal defense file and it will only be used or released
57 when required by a regulatory agency (acting in their regulatory capacity), in the
58 defense of an appeal, legal action or as otherwise required by law.

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27 Workweeks and work shifts of different numbers of hours may be established by
28 the Employer in order to meet business and customer service needs, as long as the
29 work schedules meet federal and state laws.

30 I. Work Shift

31 The hours an employee is scheduled to work each workday in a workweek.

32 J. Workweek

33 A regularly re-occurring period of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) hours
34 consisting of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four (24) hour periods. Workweeks will
35 normally begin at 12:00 a.m. on Sunday and end at 12:00 midnight the following
36 Saturday or as otherwise designated by the Appointing Authority or designee. If
37 there is a change in their workweek, employees will be given prior written
38 notification by the Appointing Authority or designee.

39 **6.2 Determination**

40 Per federal and state law, the Employer will determine whether a position is overtime-
41 eligible or overtime-exempt. In addition, the Employer will determine if an overtime-
42 eligible position is a law-enforcement position, with or without an extended work period,
43 or a shift position. When the Employer determines that an overtime-eligible position is
44 overtime-exempt, the employee will be notified in writing of the determination. The notice
45 will include an attached United States Department of Labor fact sheet of the Fair Labor
46 Standards Act (FLSA) guidelines.

47 **6.3 Overtime-Eligible Employees (Excluding Law Enforcement Employees)**

48 A. Regular Work Schedules

49 The regular work schedule for overtime-eligible employees will not be more than
50 forty (40) hours in a workweek, with starting and ending times as determined by
51 the requirements of the position and the Employer. The regular work schedule will
52 normally include two (2) consecutive scheduled days off. The Employer may adjust
53 the regular work schedule with prior notice to the employee. If the Employer
54 extends an employee's daily work schedule by more than two (2) hours on any

55 given day, the Employer will not adjust another workday or the employee's
56 workweek to avoid the payment of overtime or accrual of compensatory time. This
57 provision will not apply:

- 58 1. When an employee requests to adjust his or her hours within the workweek
59 and works no more than forty (40) hours within that workweek; or
- 60 2. To those job classifications that have an inherent need for flexibility to
61 adjust their daily work schedules within the regular workweek to
62 accomplish assigned job duties and responsibilities. When adjusting an
63 employee's work schedule, the Employer will consider an employee's
64 preference as long as the agency can meet business and customer service
65 needs and without causing an additional cost to the agency. These
66 classifications are listed in Appendix B.

67 B. Alternate Work Schedules

68 Workweeks and work shifts of different numbers of hours may be established for
69 overtime-eligible employees by the Employer in order to meet business and
70 customer service needs, as long as the alternate work schedules meet federal and
71 state laws. Employees may request alternative work schedules and such requests
72 will be approved by the Employer, except as provided below, subject to business
73 and customer service needs. The Employer may disapprove requests if there are
74 performance or attendance concerns. Previously approved alternate work schedules
75 may be rescinded by the Employer if business and customer service needs are no
76 longer being met, or if performance or attendance concerns occur. The Employer
77 will consider employees' personal and family needs.

78 C. Daily Work Shift Changes

79 The Employer may adjust an overtime-eligible shift employee's daily start and/or
80 end time(s) by two (2) hours.

81 D. Temporary Schedule Changes

82 Overtime-eligible employees' workweeks and/or work schedules may be
83 temporarily changed with prior notice from the Employer. A temporary schedule
84 change is defined as a change lasting thirty (30) calendar days or less. With the
85 exception of the job classifications listed in Appendix B, overtime-eligible
86 employees will receive three (3) calendar days' written notice of any temporary
87 schedule change. The day that notification is given is considered the first day of
88 notice. Adjustments in the hours of work of daily work shifts during a workweek
89 do not constitute a temporary schedule change.

90 E. Permanent Schedule Changes

91 Overtime-eligible employees' workweeks and work schedules may be permanently
92 changed with prior notice from the Employer. Overtime-eligible employees will
93 receive seven (7) calendar days' written notice of a permanent schedule change,
94 which will include the reason for the schedule change. The day notification is given
95 is considered the first day of notice. Adjustments in the hours of work of daily work
96 shifts during a workweek do not constitute a permanent schedule change.

97 F. Emergency Schedule Changes

98 The Employer may adjust an overtime-eligible employee's workweek and work
99 schedule without prior notice in emergencies, for highway snow, ice or avalanche
100 removal, fire duty, grain inspection, or extraordinary unforeseen operational needs.

101 G. Employee-Requested Schedule Changes

102 Overtime-eligible employees' workweeks and work schedules may be changed at
103 the employee's request and with the Employer's approval, provided the Employer's
104 business and customer service needs are met and no overtime expense is incurred.

105 H. An overtime-eligible employee, including an employee on standby status, will be
106 compensated for all time worked, other than de minimis time, for receiving or
107 responding to work related calls, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

108 **6.4 Overtime-Eligible Law Enforcement Employee Work Schedules**

109 A. The regular work schedule for full-time overtime-eligible law enforcement
110 employees, not receiving assignment pay for an extended work period, will not be
111 more than one hundred and sixty (160) hours in a twenty-eight (28) day period. The
112 Employer may adjust the work schedule with prior notice to the employee.

113 B. Park Rangers Not Residing in Park Housing

114 If the Employer requires a ranger not living in Park housing to work on a scheduled
115 day off, the ranger will be notified of the assignment prior to the ranger's scheduled
116 quitting time on the second work day preceding the scheduled day off. A lack of
117 such notice will constitute callback in accordance with Article 42.17 B.

118 **6.5 Overtime-Eligible Unpaid Meal Periods**

119 The Employer and the Union agree to unpaid meal periods that vary from and supersede
120 the unpaid meal period requirements of [WAC 296-126-092](#). Unpaid meal periods for
121 employees working more than five (5) consecutive hours, if entitled, will be a minimum of
122 thirty (30) minutes and will be scheduled as close to the middle of the work shift as
123 possible. Employees working three (3) or more hours longer than a normal workday will
124 be allowed an additional thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period. When an employee's
125 unpaid meal period is interrupted by work duties, the employee will be allowed to resume
126 his or her unpaid meal period following the interruption, if possible, to complete the unpaid
127 meal period. In the event an employee is unable to complete the unpaid meal period due to
128 operational necessity, the employee will be entitled to compensation, which will be
129 computed based on the actual number of minutes worked within the unpaid meal period.
130 Meal periods may not be used for late arrival or early departure from work and meal and
131 rest periods will not be combined.

132 **6.6 Overtime-Eligible Paid Meal Periods for Straight Shift Schedules**

133 The Employer and the Union agree to paid meal periods that vary from and supersede the
134 paid meal period requirements of [WAC 296-126-092](#). Employees working straight shifts
135 will not receive a paid meal period, but will be permitted to eat intermittently as time allows

136 during their shifts while remaining on duty. Paid meal periods for employees on straight
137 shifts do not require relief from duty.

138 **6.7 Overtime-Eligible Rest Periods**

139 The Employer and the Union agree to rest periods that vary from and supersede the rest
140 periods required by [WAC 296-126-092](#). Employees will be allowed one (1) rest period of
141 fifteen (15) minutes for each one-half (1/2) shift of three (3) or more hours worked at or
142 near the middle of each one-half (1/2) shift of three (3) or more hours. Rest periods do not
143 require relief from duty. Where the nature of the work allows employees to take
144 intermittent rest periods equivalent to fifteen (15) minutes for each one-half (1/2) shift,
145 scheduled rest periods are not required. Rest periods may not be used for late arrival or
146 early departure from work and rest and meal periods will not be combined.

147 **6.8 Positive Time Reporting – Overtime-Eligible Employees**

148 Overtime-eligible employees will accurately report time worked in accordance with a
149 positive time reporting process as determined by each agency.

150 **6.9 Overtime-Exempt Employees**

151 Overtime-exempt employees are not covered by federal or state overtime laws.
152 Compensation is based on the premise that overtime-exempt employees are expected to
153 work as many hours as necessary to provide the public services for which they were hired.
154 These employees are accountable for their work product, and for meeting the objectives of
155 the agency for which they work. The Employer's policy for all overtime-exempt employees
156 is as follows:

157 A. The Employer determines the products, services, and standards that must be met by
158 overtime-exempt employees.

159 B. Overtime-exempt employees are expected to work as many hours as necessary to
160 accomplish their assignments or fulfill their responsibilities and must respond to
161 directions from management to complete work assignments by specific deadlines.
162 Overtime-exempt employees may be required to work specific hours to provide
163 services, when deemed necessary by the Employer.

164 C. The salary paid to overtime-exempt employees is full compensation for all hours
165 worked, except:

166 1. Psychologist – Forensic Evaluators and Psychiatric Social Workers working
167 at the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) are expected to
168 work as many hours as necessary to accomplish their assignment or fulfill
169 their core responsibilities. However, because DSHS has a unique situation
170 that requires Psychologist-Forensic Evaluators and Psychiatric Social
171 Workers to work hours over and above those necessary to accomplish their
172 assignment and fulfill their core responsibilities, Psychologists – Forensic
173 Evaluators and Psychiatric Social Workers will receive additional straight
174 time pay at their regular rate of pay for working these “extra duty” hours.

175 “Extra Duty” is defined as work hours assigned by management that are
176 hours over and above those necessary to accomplish the Psychologist –
177 Forensic Evaluator’s and Psychiatric Social Worker’s regular assignment
178 and fulfill their core responsibility. “Extra duty” hours typically include
179 covering hours/shifts not regularly assigned to any other Psychologist –
180 Forensic Evaluator or Psychiatric Social Worker. When seeking to fill the
181 extra duty hours, the Employer retains the right to assign any Psychologist
182 – Forensic Evaluator or Psychiatric Social Worker who has the appropriate
183 skills and abilities required for the extra duty. Management will ask for
184 volunteers for the extra duty, but retains the right to select any Psychologist
185 – Forensic Evaluator or Psychiatric Social Worker for the extra duty
186 regardless of whether there are volunteers or not and retains the right to
187 restrict the number of extra duty assignments that any one employee works.

188 D. Overtime-exempt employees’ salary includes straight time for holidays. An
189 overtime-exempt employee whose Employer requires him or her to work on a
190 holiday will be paid at an additional rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the
191 employee’s salary for the time worked.

- 192 E. Employees will consult with their supervisors to adjust their work hours to
193 accommodate the appropriate balance between extended work time and offsetting
194 time off. Where such flexibility does not occur or does not achieve the appropriate
195 balance, and with approval of their Appointing Authority or designee, overtime-
196 exempt employees' will accrue exchange time for extraordinary or excessive hours
197 worked. Such approval will not be arbitrarily withheld. Exchange time may be
198 accrued at straight time to a maximum of eighty (80) hours. When an employee
199 accrues forty (40) hours of exchange time, the employee and the Employer will
200 develop a plan for the employee to use the accrued exchange time in the next ninety
201 (90) days. Exchange time can be used in lieu of sick leave and vacation leave.
202 Exchange time has no cash value and cannot be transferred between agencies.
- 203 F. If they give notification and receive the Employer's concurrence, overtime-exempt
204 employees may alter their work hours. Employees are responsible for keeping
205 management apprised of their schedules and their whereabouts.
- 206 G. Prior approval from the Employer for the use of paid or unpaid leave for absences
207 of two (2) or more hours is required, except for unanticipated sick leave.

208 **6.10 Military Department – Emergency Management Division**

209 The Employer may send an employee home to rest prior to returning for the night shift to
210 cover an emergency or declared disaster. When this occurs, the rest period will be
211 considered time worked through the end of the employee's scheduled work shift. No
212 employee will be required to work more than six (6) consecutive days in a seven (7) day
213 period unless the state Emergency Operations Center is at Level 1, Full Activation.

214 **6.11 Department of Transportation – Maintenance Bargaining Unit – Winter Shift and**
215 **Contingency Schedules**

216 The Employer will establish yearly winter shift and contingency schedules as needed.
217 Within reasonable staff and program considerations, the Employer will accommodate
218 employee shift preference based on Department of Transportation continuous service. It is

219 recognized that in assigning shifts and days off, a balance of experience, skills and abilities
220 may be required.

221 **6.12 Department of Fish and Wildlife – Construction and Maintenance**

222 A. Normal unpaid commute time for employees residing at temporary residences and
223 traveling to temporary work sites, will be thirty (30) minutes. Commute time over
224 thirty (30) minutes will be considered to be work time. This work time will be taken
225 from the end of the work shift to travel back to the temporary residence.

226 B Subsection A, above, will not apply when:

227 1. An employee (driver only) begins their mandatory pre-trip safety checks on
228 vehicles requiring the use of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). This
229 does not apply to department pickups or other non-CDL vehicles used for
230 transportation to and from work sites; and

231 2. When the nearest temporary residence is beyond thirty (30) minutes from
232 the temporary work site, all travel from the temporary residence to the work
233 site and the return to the temporary residence will be considered work time.

234 **6.13 Department of Agriculture – Grain Inspection Program**

235 To provide inspection and weighing services for grain being loaded onto export vessels,
236 the Employer may establish and staff both emergency and overtime shifts using key
237 position staffing, with a minimum of three (3) permanent employees licensed to perform
238 key duties, any combination of inspectors, protein operators, and grain sampler-weighers.
239 The minimum of three (3) permanent employees does not apply to the Aberdeen facility.
240 The Aberdeen facility will be staffed with a minimum of two (2) permanent employees.
241 The remaining positions on such shifts may be staffed with non-permanent employees.

242 **6.14 Department of Transportation – Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Required**

243 **Positions**

244 A. The Employer will not require an employee utilizing his or her CDL to work more
245 than fifteen (15) consecutive hours without providing a rest period of at least eight
246 (8) consecutive hours.

247 B. Employees utilizing his or her CDL to work fifteen (15) consecutive hours will be
248 required to take an eight (8) consecutive hour rest period before resuming the next
249 duty period. The employee will suffer no loss of regular straight time hourly
250 earnings for any time missed during that rest period that otherwise would have been
251 part of his or her regularly scheduled shift. Employees will not be eligible for any
252 other work assignment, including an overtime assignment or work shift, during the
253 required (8) hour rest period.

254 **6.15 Shift Exchange – Department of Corrections – Work Release Facilities (WR) and**
255 **Military Department – Youth Academy**

256 Overtime-eligible employees employed at WR or the Youth Academy who have the same
257 job classification will be allowed to exchange full shifts for positions in which they are
258 qualified in accordance with the following:

259 A. Request for shift exchanges will be submitted seven (7) calendar days in advance
260 of the exchange, when practical.

261 B. The requested shift exchange is voluntary, and is agreed to in writing by both
262 employees, and approved in writing by the supervisor(s) for exchanges of no more
263 than one (1) week. Requests for consecutive shift exchanges in excess of one (1)
264 workweek will be submitted to the appropriate Appointing Authority or designee
265 for approval. If such request is denied, the employee will be provided the reason(s)
266 in writing for the denial.

267 C. Requested shift exchanges will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

268 D. Shift exchanges must occur within the same pay period. Shift exchanges will not
269 result in the payment of overtime. Each employee will be considered to have
270 worked his or her regular schedule.

271 E. For shift exchanges that occur on an employee's designated holiday, the employee
272 who is regularly scheduled to work on that holiday will receive the holiday
273 compensation, regardless of who physically worked on that day.

274 F. The failure of an employee, who has exchanged shifts, to work the agreed upon
275 shift without appropriate cause may be a basis for disciplinary action.

276 The shift exchange system will not be used to circumvent the bid system by significantly
277 altering an employee's workweek or supervisory chain of command.

278 **6.16 Department of Ecology – Spill Response Team**

279 Employees working on the spill response team who work sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-
280 four (24) hour period will be required to take eight (8) hours off for rest before resuming
281 the next duty period. The employee will suffer no loss of regular straight-time hourly
282 earnings for any time missed up to six (6) hours during that rest period that otherwise would
283 have been part of his or her regularly scheduled shift. Employees will not be eligible for
284 any other work assignment, including an overtime assignment or work shift, that begins
285 during the required eight (8) hour rest period.

286 **6.17 Shift Exchange—Department of Social and Health Services—Eastern and Western**
287 **State Hospitals**

288 Overtime-eligible shift employees employed at Eastern and Western State Hospitals who
289 have the same job classification will be allowed to exchange full shifts for positions in
290 which they are qualified in accordance with the following:

291 A. Requests for shift exchanges will be submitted seven (7) calendar days in advance
292 of the exchange, when practical.

293 B. The requested shift exchange is voluntary, and is agreed to in writing by both
294 employees, and approved in writing by the supervisor(s) for exchanges of no more

295 than one (1) workweek. Requests for consecutive shift exchanges in excess of one
296 (1) workweek will be submitted to the appropriate appointing authority or designee
297 for approval. If such request is denied, the employee will be provided the reason(s)
298 in writing for the denial.

299 C. Requested shift exchanges will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

300 D. Shift exchanges must occur within the same pay period. Shift exchanges will not
301 result in the payment of overtime. Each employee will be considered to have
302 worked his or her regular schedule.

303 E. For shift exchanges that occur on an employee's designated holiday, the employee
304 who is regularly scheduled to work on that holiday will receive the holiday
305 compensation, regardless of who physically worked on that day.

306 F. An employee will not receive shift premium pay under Article 42.18, Shift
307 Premium, solely as a result of a shift exchange. Each employee will be considered
308 to have worked his or her regular scheduled work shift for purposes of shift
309 premium pay.

310 G. The failure of an employee, who has exchanged shifts, to work the agreed upon
311 shift without appropriate cause may be a basis for disciplinary action or suspension
312 of the ability to exchange shifts in the future.

313 H. Mental Health Technicians and Psychiatric Security Attendants may exchange
314 shifts as long as the employees qualify to work in positions for which the employees
315 are requesting shift exchange. Licensed Practical Nurses and Psychiatric Security
316 Nurses may exchange shifts as long as the employees qualify to work in positions
317 for which the employees are requesting shift exchange. Denials of shift exchanges
318 are not subject to the grievance procedure under Article 29, Grievance Procedure,
319 of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.

- 320 I. Employees working in different classifications as provided in Subsection H. above
321 will be considered to have worked his or her regular scheduled work shift for
322 purposes of pay in [Article 42.1](#), "GS" Pay Range Assignments.
- 323 J. The shift exchange system will not be used to circumvent the bid system by
324 significantly altering an employee's workweek or supervisory chain of command.

325 **6.18 Department of Transportation – Emergency Schedule Change**

326 At the time DOT changes an employee's schedule in accordance with Article 6.3F,
327 Emergency Schedule Changes, it will notify the employee that the change is an
328 emergency schedule change. DOT will also provide the employee written notice that the
329 schedule change is in accordance with Article 6.3F, Emergency Schedule Changes. The
330 written notice will be provided after the schedule change.

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1 In accordance with the applicable wage and hour laws, the overtime rate
2 will be one and one-half (1-1/2) of an employee's regular rate of pay. The
3 regular rate of pay will not include any allowable exclusions.

4 C. Work

5 The definition of work, for overtime purposes only, includes:

- 6 1. All hours actually spent performing the duties of the assigned job.
- 7 2. Travel time required by the Employer during normal work hours
8 from one work site to another or travel time outside the employee's
9 normal work hours to a different work location that is greater than
10 the employee's normal home-to-work travel time.
- 11 3. Vacation leave
- 12 4. Sick Leave
- 13 5. Compensatory time
- 14 6. Holidays
- 15 7. Any other paid time not listed below.

16 D. Work does **not** include:

- 17 1. Shared leave
- 18 2. Leave without pay
- 19 3. Additional compensation for time worked on a holiday.
- 20 4. Time compensated as standby, callback, or any other penalty
21 pay.

1 **7.2 Overtime-Eligibility and Compensation**

2 Employees are eligible for overtime compensation under the following
3 circumstances:

4 A. Full-time overtime-eligible employees who have prior approval and work
5 more than forty (40) hours in a workweek will be compensated at the
6 overtime rate. A part-time overtime-eligible employee will be paid at his or
7 her regular rate of pay for all work performed up to forty (40) hours in a
8 workweek and paid at the overtime rate for authorized work of more than
9 forty (40) hours in a workweek.

10 B. Full-time overtime-eligible shift employees who have prior approval and
11 work more than their scheduled shift will be compensated at the overtime
12 rate. A part-time overtime-eligible shift employee will be paid at his or her
13 regular rate of pay for all work performed up to forty (40) hours in a
14 workweek and paid at the overtime rate for authorized work of more than
15 forty (40) hours in a workweek.

16 C. Overtime-eligible law enforcement employees, not receiving assignment
17 pay for an extended work period, who have prior approval and work more
18 than one hundred and sixty (160) hours in a twenty-eight (28) day period
19 will be compensated at the overtime rate.

20 D. Overtime-eligible employees who have prior approval and work overtime
21 as specifically defined in Article 42, Compensation.

22 **7.3 Overtime Computation**

23 Computation of overtime will be rounded upward to the nearest one-tenth (1/10th)
24 of an hour.

25 **7.4 General Provisions**

26 A. The Employer will determine whether work will be performed on regular
27 work time or overtime, the number of employees, the skills and abilities of

1 the employees required to perform the work, and the duration of the work.
2 The Employer will first attempt to meet its overtime requirements on a
3 voluntary basis with qualified employees who are currently on duty. Except
4 as provided in [Section 7.8](#), in the event there are not enough employees
5 volunteering to work, the supervisor may require employees to work
6 overtime.

- 7 B. If an employee was not offered overtime for which he or she was qualified,
8 the employee will be offered the next available overtime opportunity for
9 which he or she is qualified. Under no circumstances will an employee be
10 compensated for overtime that was not worked. There will be no
11 pyramiding of overtime.

12 **7.5 Compensatory Time for Overtime-Eligible Employees**

13 A. Compensatory Time Eligibility

14 The Employer may grant compensatory time in lieu of cash payment for
15 overtime to an overtime-eligible employee, upon agreement between the
16 Employer and the employee. Compensatory time must be granted at the rate
17 of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours of compensatory time for each hour of
18 overtime worked.

19 B. Maximum Compensatory Time

20 Employees may accumulate no more than the maximum number of hours
21 of compensatory time allowed under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

22 C. Compensatory Time Use

23 Employees must use compensatory time prior to using vacation leave,
24 unless this would result in the loss of their vacation leave. Compensatory
25 time must be used and scheduled in the same manner as vacation leave, as
26 in [Article 11](#), Vacation Leave.

27 D. Compensatory Time Cash Out

1 1. Overtime-Eligible Employees – (Excluding Center for Childhood
2 Deafness and Hearing Loss, Washington State School for the Blind,
3 Department of Corrections and Department of Transportation
4 Employees)

5 All compensatory time must be used by June 30th of each year. If
6 compensatory time balances are not scheduled to be used by the
7 employee by April of each year, the supervisor will contact the
8 employee to review his or her schedule. The employee's
9 compensatory time balance will be cashed out every June 30th or
10 when the employee:

- 11 a. Leaves state service for any reason,
12 b. Transfers to a position in his or her agency with different
13 funding sources, or
14 c. Transfers to another state agency.

15 2. Overtime Eligible Employees – Center for Childhood Deafness and
16 Hearing Loss and Washington State School for the Blind

17 Compensatory time may be voluntarily cashed out at any time
18 except during the month of February. In addition, the full balance
19 of accrued compensatory time must be cashed out on June 30th at the
20 end of every biennium.

21 3. Overtime-Eligible Employees – Department of Corrections

22 Compensatory time may be voluntarily cashed out at any time
23 except during the month of February. In addition, the full balance of
24 accrued compensatory time must be cashed out at the end of each
25 biennium.

26 4. Overtime-Eligible Employees – Department of Agriculture

1 Compensatory time may be voluntarily cashed out at any time
2 except during the month of February. In addition, the full balance of
3 accrued compensatory time must be cashed out at the end of each
4 biennium.

5 5. Overtime-Eligible Employees – Department of Transportation

6 All compensatory time must be used by June 30th of each biennium.
7 If compensatory time balances are not scheduled to be used by the
8 employee by April of the end of the biennium, the supervisor will
9 contact the employee to review his or her schedule. The employee's
10 compensatory time balance will be cashed out every June 30th of
11 each biennium or when the employee:

- 12 a. Leaves state service for any reason,
13 b. Transfers to a position in his or her agency with different
14 funding sources, or
15 c. Transfers to another state agency.

16 **7.6 Department of Agriculture – Grain Inspection Program**

- 17 A. Any employee who works a double shift or returns from an emergency shift
18 to his or her permanent shift, will be required to take (8) hours off for rest
19 after such shifts. The employee will suffer no loss of regular straight-time
20 hourly earnings for any time missed during that rest period that otherwise
21 would have been part of his or her regularly scheduled shift. Such
22 employees will not be eligible for any overtime assignment or shift
23 commencing during the eight (8) hour rest period.
- 24 B. Shift extensions, early starts and occasions when lunch periods require
25 overtime will be first offered to available employee(s) having the ability to
26 perform the work and the lowest amount of overtime hours, who are on shift
27 at the facility where the overtime occurs. The Employer will maintain an

1 overtime tracking sheet which will be updated weekly and reset the first
2 Wednesday of each quarter. For shift extensions in offices with multiple
3 sites, employees having the lowest amount of overtime hours at any other
4 site(s) serviced by that grain inspection office will be offered the
5 opportunity to work the extension if they can complete their regular shift
6 and travel to the extending site by the time the extension begins. Time
7 traveled outside of scheduled shifts will not be paid time. If there still is not
8 enough staff, employees on site may be required to work. Employees with
9 less than forty (40) hours accumulated overtime in a month at the start of
10 the shift may be required to work and will complete the shift or extension.
11 Employees will finish any assignments for which they volunteer.

12 C. The Employer will not require employees to work in excess of twenty (20)
13 continuous hours of regular time and overtime.

14 D. Those employees who do not desire to work overtime will not be required
15 to do so beyond forty (40) cumulative hours each month, except as provided
16 in Subsection 7.6 E, below. However, at export shipping operations
17 scheduled on a regular Monday through Friday basis, when staff is required
18 on weekends to provide inspection and weighing services for grain being
19 loaded onto export vessels, a minimum of three (3) permanent employees
20 licensed to perform key duties, (any combination of inspectors, protein
21 operators, and grain sampler-weighers), will be offered the work before on-
22 call employees are used. The minimum of three (3) permanent employees
23 does not apply to the Aberdeen facility. The Aberdeen facility will be
24 staffed with a minimum of two (2) permanent employees.

25 E. An employee with more than forty (40) hours of accumulated overtime in a
26 month may be required to extend a current shift for not more than four (4)
27 hours in order to assure service delivery not more than once per month.
28 However, hours that an employee is required to work under this paragraph

1 will be credited to the employee's forty (40) hour limit in the following
2 month.

3 **7.7 Department of Transportation (DOT)**

4 A. Overtime opportunities will be offered whenever and wherever possible on
5 a straight rotational basis. Each superintendent or equivalent and employees
6 will confer and mutually determine, for normal areas of responsibility, the
7 employees on a specific rotation list(s). Employees will be placed on a
8 rotation list in order of continuous DOT service. The rotation list will be
9 kept current and posted in each facility. The Employer and employees will
10 share the responsibility for keeping the list(s) current.

11 B. Overtime will be offered first to all bargaining unit employees on the
12 rotation list, then to any qualified employee. Documented attempts to
13 contact an employee constitutes an offer. Overtime will be offered to
14 employees who are qualified to do the work, regardless of classification.
15 Overtime that extends a shift will be offered first to qualified employees on
16 that shift and preferably, to the employee(s) currently performing the work.
17 Shift extensions do not count as an overtime opportunity.

18 C. The parties recognize and agree that in cases of operational necessity, public
19 safety, and/or efficient delivery of public services, that it may be necessary
20 for the Employer to deviate from the straight rotation process.

21 D. In the event the Employer deviates from the straight rotation process, the
22 Employer will explain to affected employees the reason for the deviation.
23 The Employer will also take necessary actions to correct missed
24 opportunities by skipping in the next rotation those employees who were
25 called out-of-sequence.

- 1 E. Bargaining unit supervisors and/or designees, making or receiving work-
2 related calls at home, will be compensated for a minimum of one-half (1/2)
3 hour for the time worked. Callback is not authorized for this work.

4 **7.8 Department of Corrections, Department of Social and Health Services and**
5 **Department of Veterans Affairs Institutions**

6 Overtime-eligible shift employees employed at a Department of Corrections Work
7 Release Facility, or at an institution within the Department of Social and Health
8 Services, or the Department of Veterans Affairs

9 When involuntary overtime is required, it will be assigned to employees on duty in
10 inverse order of seniority, provided the employee has the skills and abilities
11 required of the positions. The inverse order will be re-established when the list has
12 been exhausted, i.e. the employee with the greatest seniority has worked his or her
13 required overtime.

14 A. An employee who volunteers and works an overtime shift prior to an
15 involuntary overtime assignment will have his or her name removed from
16 the overtime rotation for that cycle.

17 B. An employee may be excused from an involuntary overtime assignment
18 ~~once~~ twice per quarter.

19 C. An employee will not be required to work an involuntary overtime after
20 working a regular shift prior to an approved vacation leave day.

21 D. Once confirmed, an employee who is required to work an involuntary
22 overtime will be notified as soon as possible.

23 An employee who is excused from working overtime under Subsection 7.8 B or 7.8
24 C above will be the first to be called when an involuntary overtime assignment is
25 required and the employee is on a scheduled workday.

1 **7.9 Department of Corrections Work Release Facilities (WR) – Voluntary**

2 **Overtime**

3 Correctional Officers and Sergeants employed at WR:

4 When the Employer determines that overtime is necessary at WR, the Employer
5 will identify the number of positions requiring overtime, the duration of such
6 overtime, and the qualifications, skills and abilities of the employees required to
7 perform the work. Overtime will be assigned as voluntary pre-scheduled, voluntary
8 unscheduled (daily) or involuntary.

9 A. Voluntary Pre-Scheduled Overtime:

10 The agency will maintain a list of all Correctional Officers and Sergeants in
11 order of seniority. Correctional Officers and Sergeants will have the
12 opportunity to sign up by day and shift for possible overtime opportunities.
13 Voluntary prescheduled overtime will be assigned on Monday for all known
14 overtime opportunities for the week beginning the following Monday. If
15 Monday is a holiday, the prescheduled overtime assignments will be made
16 on the next regular work day. Assignment to pre-scheduled overtime will
17 begin at the top of the list of volunteers and proceed down in order of
18 seniority except as outlined below:

- 19 1. Employees who do not meet the qualifications, skills and abilities
20 for the position requiring the overtime will not lose his or her place
21 in order on the list.
- 22 2. When an employee accepts or declines a pre-scheduled overtime
23 assignment, it will be noted on the list, and he/she will not be eligible
24 until a new cycle begins.
- 25 3. When the Employer is unable to reach an employee, the employee
26 will not lose his or her place in order on the list. Telephone calls
27 placed to employees who are off duty will not be considered as time
28 worked.

1 A new cycle begins when any of the following occurs:

- 2 4. The beginning of each odd numbered month (January, March, May
3 etc.); or
- 4 5. There are no qualified volunteers on the list; or
- 5 6. All volunteers on the list have either accepted or declined the
6 opportunity; or
- 7 7. The remaining volunteers cannot be contacted.

8 B. Voluntary Unscheduled Overtime:

9 The Employer will ask for volunteers among employees on shift in the order
10 of seniority. If there are insufficient volunteers, management may assign
11 involuntary overtime in accordance with [Section 7.8](#).

12 **7.10 Department of Social and Health Services – Institutions and State Operated**
13 **Living Alternative (SOLA)**

14 Each institution and SOLA will meet and negotiate a process for distributione of
15 overtime. ~~on a rotational basis as determined by the institution/SOLA specific~~
16 procedure negotiated as a result of the “Voluntary Overtime” Memorandum of
17 Understanding signed by the parties on September 3, 2010. The Employer and
18 employees will share the responsibility for keeping voluntary overtime lists current.
19 Documented attempts to contact an employee will constitute an offer. Employees
20 who volunteer for overtime on a specific day and shift based on the
21 institution/SOLA specific procedure will not be entitled to callback pay in
22 accordance with [Article 42.17](#), Callback. Employees who do not volunteer to work
23 overtime in accordance with the institution/SOLA specific procedure but are
24 contacted when they are off duty and agree to work overtime will be entitled to
25 callback pay in accordance with [Article 42.17](#). When involuntary overtime is
26 required, employees will be entitled to callback pay in accordance with [Article](#)
27 [42.17](#).

1 7.11 Washington State Patrol

2 Any employee who works beyond their regularly scheduled shift as part of the Crime Scene
3 Response Team (CSRT), will work with their supervisor to determine an appropriate rest
4 period. The employee will suffer no loss of regular straight-time hourly earnings for any
5 time missed during the approved rest period that would have been part of their regularly
6 scheduled shift.

7 If a CSRT employee works beyond their regularly scheduled shift and is required to testify
8 in court during the employee's next regularly scheduled shift, the employee will be
9 required to appear in court. At the conclusion of their testimony the employee will work
10 with their supervisor to organize a rest period if the employee deems it necessary

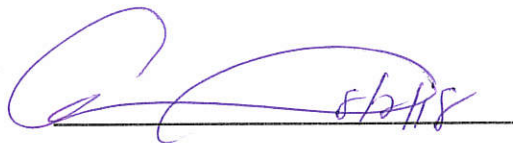
11 If a rest period is taken, the employee will not be eligible for any overtime assignment or
12 shift commencing during the agreed upon rest period.

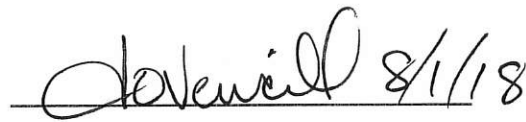
13 The provisions of Article 7 – Overtime will apply.

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15 **Tentative Agreement reached**

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17 **For the Union:**

For the Employer:

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20 **Amy Spiegel** **Date**

20 **John Vencill** **Date**

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1 **8.4 Tuition Reimbursement**

2 A. Agencies may approve full or partial tuition reimbursement, consistent with
3 agency policy and within available resources.

4 B. Agencies will reimburse eligible employees who provide proof of
5 satisfactory completion of a course that was previously approved for tuition
6 reimbursement.

7 C. Agency funds expended for tuition reimbursement will be limited to tuition
8 or registration fees, and will not include textbooks, supplies or other school
9 expenses, except in accordance with agency policy.

10 D. Absent an agreement to the contrary, when an employee moves to another
11 agency prior to completion of an approved course, the approving agency
12 will retain the obligation for reimbursement if the course is satisfactorily
13 completed. When payment is not made by the approving agency the gaining
14 agency may, at its option, reimburse the employee.

15 **8.5 Education and Training Requests**

16 All education and training requests will be approved or disapproved within thirty
17 (30) calendar days from the submission of a properly completed request. If a request
18 is denied, the Employer will provide a reason for the denial to the employee. Upon
19 request, the Employer will provide the reason for the denial in writing.

20 **8.6 Training Records**

21 A. Employees may request a copy of their training record. The Employer will
22 provide either a hard copy or electronic access to their training record. If an
23 employee provides documentation to the Employer of work-related training
24 it will be recorded in the training record or the employee personnel file.

25 B. At the time of permanent layoff employees will be provided an opportunity
26 to submit documentation of successfully completed training to be
27 considered.

1 **8.7 Apprenticeship Programs**

2 A. The Employer will continue to participate in apprenticeship programs in
3 accordance with the rules of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Council and
4 establishments, modifications, or abolishments to the operation of the
5 programs may be made pursuant to the Council's guidelines or rules.

6 B. An employee who accepts a position within the apprenticeship program will
7 be required to successfully complete the entire apprenticeship program
8 before attaining permanent status.

9 C. At least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to entering into an apprenticeship
10 program, the employee must notify his or her appointing authority of the
11 intent to accept an appointment into an apprenticeship program. Upon
12 notification of the employee's intent, the employee's permanent agency will
13 notify the employee, in writing, of any return rights to the agency and the
14 duration of those return rights. At a minimum, the agency must provide the
15 employee access to the agency's internal layoff list. For those employees
16 who do not have return rights to the agency, the provisions of Subsection
17 8.7 D, below apply.

18 D. An apprenticeship appointment may be terminated by either the employee
19 or Employer with five (5) working days notice. If the Employer fails to
20 provide five (5) working days' notice, the separation will stand and the
21 employee will be entitled to payment of salary for up to five (5) working
22 days, which the employee would have worked had notice been given. Under
23 no circumstance will notice deficiencies result in an employee gaining
24 status in the apprenticeship program.

25 1. An employee serving an apprenticeship may voluntarily revert to his
26 or her former position within fifteen (15) days of the apprenticeship
27 appointment, provided that the position has not been filled or an
28 offer has not been made to an applicant. An employee serving in an

1 apprenticeship appointment may voluntarily revert at anytime to a
2 funded permanent position in the same agency that is:

3 a. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee and is within
4 the employee's previously held job classification.

5 b. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee at or below
6 the employee's previous salary range.

7 The reversion option, if any, will be determined by the Employer
8 using the order listed above. In both Subsections 8.7 D 2 a and b
9 above, the Employer will determine the position the employee may
10 revert to and the employee must have the skills and abilities required
11 for the position. If possible, the reversion option will be within a
12 reasonable commuting distance for the employee.

13 2. If an apprenticeship appointment ends by the Employer, the
14 employee may revert to a funded permanent position in the same
15 agency that is:

16 a. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee and is within
17 the employee's previously held permanent job classification.

18 b. Vacant or filled by a non-permanent employee at or below
19 the employee's previous salary range.

20 The option, if any, will be determined by the Employer using the
21 order listed above. In both Subsections 8.7 D 2 a and b above, the
22 Employer will determine the position the employee may revert to
23 and the employee must have the skills and abilities required for the
24 position. If possible, the option will be within a reasonable
25 commuting distance for the employee.

- 1 3. An employee who has no reversion options or does not revert to the
2 highest classification in which he or she previously attained
3 permanent status may request that his or her name be place on the
4 agency's internal layoff list for positions in job classifications where
5 he or she previously attained permanent status. The separation of an
6 employee during his or her apprenticeship appointment will not be
7 subject to the grievance procedure in [Article 29, Grievance](#)
8 [Procedure](#).

9 **8.8 Developmental Job Assignments**

- 10 A. Employers may make the following planned training assignments for
11 employee career development without incurring reallocation or
12 compensation obligations:

- 13 1. Performance of responsibilities outside the current job class on a
14 time-limited basis.
- 15 2. Intra-agency rotational or special project assignments.

- 16 B. The Employer and the employee must agree in writing to the assignment in
17 advance, including time limits, which will not exceed more than twelve (12)
18 months. If an employee's request for a developmental job assignment is
19 denied, an explanation will be provided to the employee. The decision is
20 final and is not subject to [Article 29](#), Grievance Procedure.

- 21 C. The Employer may not fill a vacant position as a developmental job
22 assignment.

23 **8.9 Parks and Recreation Commission**

24 The agency will provide a minimum of fifty (50) hours of law enforcement training
25 per year for armed park rangers and forty (40) hours for unarmed park rangers with
26 twenty-four (24) hours delivered at an annual in-service training. In the event that

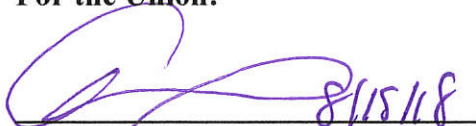
1 employees are expected to flex/adjust their work schedules to avoid the
2 accrual of overtime. No overtime is authorized for employee's travel
3 associated with TWIC enrollment and/or renewal.

4 D. Employees are authorized to use Ecology vehicles for travel to TSA TWIC
5 Enrollment Centers. Ecology will not reimburse for the use of a personal
6 vehicle.

7 E. For employees who are not required to obtain/maintain a TWIC, but elect
8 to do so, the employee will be responsible for any travel, expenses, and fees.
9 Additionally, time required to obtain/maintain a TWIC will not be
10 considered work time.

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12 **TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED**

13 **For the Union:**

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16 **AMY SPIEGEL** **8/15/18**
17 **DATE**

For the Employer:


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JOHN VENCILL **DATE**

ARTICLE 10

HOLIDAYS

(Current Contract Language)

10.1 Paid Holidays

Employees will be provided the following paid nonworking holidays per year:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Native American Heritage Day	The Friday immediately following the fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

10.2 Holiday Rules

The following rules apply to all holidays except the personal holiday:

- A. Full-time employees will be paid at a straight-time rate for hours they are scheduled to work on that day even though they do not work.
- B. In addition to Subsection A above, employees will be paid for the hours actually worked on a holiday at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 7, Overtime.
- C. For full-time employees with a Monday-through-Friday work schedule:

- 1 1. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the Friday before will be the
2 holiday.
- 3 2. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be the
4 holiday.
- 5 D. For full-time employees who do not have a Monday-through-Friday work
6 schedule:
 - 7 1. When a holiday falls on the employee's scheduled workday, that day
8 will be considered the holiday.
 - 9 2. When a holiday falls on the employee's scheduled day off, the
10 agency will treat the employee's workday before or after as the
11 holiday.
 - 12 3. An employee may request an alternate day off as his or her holiday
13 as long as the requested day off falls within the same pay period as
14 the holiday. The Employer may approve or disapprove the request.
- 15 E. The holiday for night shift employees whose work schedule begins on one
16 calendar day and ends on the next will be determined by the agency. It will
17 start either at:
 - 18 1. The beginning of the scheduled night shift that begins on the
19 calendar holiday, or
 - 20 2. The beginning of the shift that precedes the calendar holiday.
- 21 The decision will be the same for all employees in a facility unless there is
22 agreement to do otherwise between the agency and one (1) or more affected
23 employees, or with the Union, which will constitute agreement of the
24 employees.

- 1 F. Part-time employees who begin employment before and remain employed
2 after the holiday will be compensated in cash or compensatory time for the
3 holiday in an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the
4 month to that required for full-time employment.
- 5 G. Full-time employees who are employed before the holiday and are in pay
6 status for eighty (80) non-overtime or non-standby hours during the month,
7 not counting the holiday or are in pay status for the entire work shift
8 preceding the holiday, will receive compensation for the holiday.
9 Employees who resign or are dismissed or separated before a holiday will
10 not be compensated for holidays occurring after the effective date of
11 resignation, dismissal or separation.
- 12 H. The holiday work schedules for overtime-eligible shift employees,
13 employed at 24/7 facilities will be posted seven (7) calendar days prior to
14 the holiday. Changes to the schedule will be updated and posted as known.

15 **10.3 Personal Holidays**

16 An employee may select one (1) workday as a personal holiday during the calendar
17 year if the employee has been or is scheduled to be continuously employed by the
18 state for at least four (4) months.

- 19 A. An employee who is scheduled to work less than six (6) continuous months
20 over a period covering two (2) calendar years will receive only one (1)
21 personal holiday during this period.
- 22 B. The Employer will release the employee from work on the day selected as
23 the personal holiday, provided:
- 24 1. The employee has given at least fourteen (14) calendar days' written
25 notice to the supervisor. However, the employee and supervisor may
26 agree upon an earlier date, and

- 1 2. The number of employees selecting a particular day off does not
2 prevent the agency from providing continued public service.
- 3 C. Personal holidays must be taken during the calendar year or the entitlement
4 to the day will lapse, except that the entitlement will carry over to the
5 following year when an otherwise qualified employee has requested a
6 personal holiday and the request has been denied.
- 7 D. Agencies may establish qualifying policies for determining which of the
8 requests for a particular date will or will not be granted when the number of
9 requests for a personal holiday would impair operational necessity.
- 10 E. Part-time employees who are employed during the month in which the
11 personal holiday is taken will be compensated for the personal holiday in
12 an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the month to that
13 required for full-time employment.
- 14 F. A personal holiday for full-time employees will be equivalent to their work
15 shift on the day selected for personal holiday absence.
- 16 G. Part or all of a personal holiday may be donated as shared leave, in
17 accordance with Article 14, Shared Leave. Any portion of a personal
18 holiday that remains or is returned to the employee, will be taken in one (1)
19 absence, not to exceed the work shift on the day of the absence, subject to
20 the request and approval as described in Subsections 10.3 B, C, and D
21 above.
- 22 H. Upon request, an employee will be approved to use part or all of his or her
23 personal holiday for:
- 24 1. The care of family members as required by the Family Care Act,
25 WAC 296-130;


- 1 2. Leave as required by the Military Family Leave Act, RCW 49.77
2 and in accordance with Article 18.14; Military Family Leave or
3 3. Leave as required by the Domestic Violence Leave Act,
4 RCW 49.76.

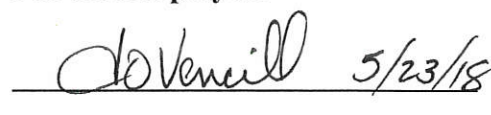
5 Any portion of a personal holiday that remains will be taken by the
6 employee in one (1) absence, not to exceed the work shift on the day of the
7 absence, subject to request and approval as described in Subsections 10.3
8 B, C, and D above.

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21 **TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED**

22 **For the Union:**

22 **For the Employer:**

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24 AMY SPIEGEL DATE

24 JOHN VENCILL DATE

1 **ARTICLE 11**

2 **VACATION LEAVE**

3 **11.1** Employees will retain and carry forward any eligible and unused vacation leave
4 that was accrued prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

5 **11.2 Vacation Leave Credits**

6 Full-time and part-time employees will be credited with vacation leave accrued
7 monthly, according to the rate schedule and vacation leave accrual below.

8 **11.3 Vacation Leave Accrual**

9 Full-time employees who have been in pay status for eighty (80) non-overtime
10 hours in a calendar month will accrue vacation leave according to the rate schedule
11 provided in Section 11.4, below. Vacation leave accrual for part-time employees
12 will be proportionate to the number of hours the part-time employee is in pay status
13 during the month to that required for full-time employment.

14 **11.4 Vacation Leave Accrual Rate Schedule**

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Full Years of Service	Hours Per Year
During the first and second years of current continuous employment	One hundred twelve (112)
During the third year of current continuous employment	One hundred twenty (120)
During the fourth year of current continuous employment	One hundred twenty-eight (128)
During the fifth and sixth years of total employment	One hundred thirty-six (136)
During the seventh, eighth and ninth years of total employment	One hundred forty-four (144)
Full Years of Service	Hours Per Year

During the tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth years of total employment	One hundred sixty (160)
During the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth years of total employment	One hundred seventy-six (176)
During the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty fourth years of total employment	One hundred ninety-two (192)
During the twenty-fifth year of total employment and thereafter	Two hundred (200)

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2 **11.5 Vacation Scheduling for 24/7 Operations (Excluding the School for the Blind,**
3 **Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss; and Department of**
4 **Corrections)**

5 A. Employees who work in operations that are twenty-four (24) hours, seven
6 (7) days a week, may submit in writing to their supervisor their preferences
7 for different segments of vacation for the period March 1st of the current
8 year through the end of February of the next year. The Employer will
9 compile and post a vacation leave schedule. Employees on this schedule
10 will have priority and will be granted vacation leave at the times specified,
11 if possible.

12 B. Employees will not be granted more than four (4) segments during the
13 annual vacation scheduling process. In the event that two (2) or more
14 employees request the same vacation period and the supervisor must limit
15 the number of people who may take vacation leave at one time due to
16 business needs and work requirements, preference will be determined by
17 seniority for up to four (4) segments of vacation. A “segment” is three (3)
18 or more contiguous days of vacation leave. except that the denial of one (1)
19 or more days within a requested segment shall not result in the remaining

1 approved days counting as more than one (1) segment. Should any portion
2 of a segment that was originally denied due to business needs or work
3 requirements become available, it will first be awarded by seniority to those
4 who were originally denied.

5 C. In addition to vacation leave approved in Subsection 11.5 B above,
6 employees may request vacation leave at any time on a first come, first
7 served basis. Approval of supplemental requests will take into consideration
8 the annual vacation leave schedule, which will take precedence, as well as
9 operational needs.

10 D. Employee Initiated Cancellations

11 Employee requested cancellations of any portion of an approved scheduled
12 vacation segment must be submitted in writing no later than fourteen (14)
13 calendar days in advance of his or her scheduled vacation. The request is
14 subject to approval by the Employer.

15 **11.6 Department of Corrections Work Release Facilities – Vacation Scheduling**

16 A. Employees who work in operations that are twenty-four (24) hours, seven
17 (7) days a week, may submit in writing to their supervisor their preferences
18 for different segments of vacation for the period March 1st of the current
19 year through the end of February of the next year. Such requests must be
20 submitted no later than February 1st. The Employer will compile and post
21 a vacation leave schedule. Employees on this schedule will have priority
22 and will be granted vacation leave at the times specified, if possible.

23 B. Employees will be granted no more than four (4) segments during the
24 annual vacation scheduling process. In the event that two (2) or more
25 employees request the same vacation period and the supervisor must limit
26 the number of people who may take vacation leave at one time due to
27 business needs and work requirements, preference will be determined by

1 seniority for up to four (4) segments of vacation. A “segment” is three (3)
2 or more contiguous days of vacation leave.

3 C. In addition to vacation leave approved in Subsection 11.6 B above,
4 employees may request vacation leave at any time on a first come, first
5 served basis. Approval of supplemental requests will take into consideration
6 the annual vacation leave schedule, which will take precedence, as well as
7 operational needs.

8 D. Employee Initiated Cancellations

9 1. Employee requested cancellations of any portion of an approved
10 scheduled vacation segment must be submitted in writing no later
11 than fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of his or her scheduled
12 vacation. The request is subject to approval by the Employer.

13 2. The Employer will post the newly available vacation segment for
14 seven (7) calendar days to allow employees to express written
15 interest in the segment. If two (2) or more employees express an
16 interest in the vacation segment, it will be awarded to the most senior
17 employee.

18 **11.7 Vacation Scheduling for All Employees**

19 A. Vacation leave will be charged in one-tenth (1/10th) of an hour increments.

20 B. When considering requests for vacation leave, the Employer will take into
21 account the desires of the employee but may require that leave be taken at
22 a time convenient to the employing office or department.

23 C. Except as provided for in Sections 11.5 and 11.6, the Employer will respond
24 to employee vacation leave requests as soon as possible but, no later than
25 ten (10) calendar days from the date of the request. If the Employer fails to
26 respond within ten (10) calendar days, the employee may notify the local
27 Human Resources Office.

1 D. Vacation leave for religious observances may be granted to the extent
2 agency or program requirements permit.

3 E. Employees will not request or be authorized to take scheduled vacation
4 leave if they would not have sufficient vacation leave credits to cover the
5 absence at the time the leave would commence.

6 F. When two (2) or more employees submit a request on the same day for the
7 same vacation days off, if the Employer approves leave, it will be based on
8 seniority. The Employer will consider the required skills and abilities
9 needed to meet business needs. Previously approved leave will not be
10 cancelled in order to grant leave to a senior employee.

11 **11.8 Family Care**

12 Employees may use vacation leave for care of family members as required by the
13 Family Care Act, [WAC 296-130](#).

14 **11.9 Military Family Leave**

15 Employees may use vacation leave for leave as required by the Military Family
16 Leave Act, [RCW 49.77](#) and in accordance with [Section 18.14](#), Military Family
17 Leave.

18 **11.10 Domestic Violence Leave**

19 Employees may use vacation leave for leave as required by the Domestic Violence
20 Leave Act, [RCW 49.76](#).

21 **11.11 Vacation Cancellation – Employer Initiated**

22 Should the Employer be required to cancel scheduled vacation leave because of an
23 emergency or exceptional business needs, affected employees may select new
24 vacation leave from available dates. In addition, in those cases where an employee
25 will not have sufficient vacation leave to cover the absence at the time it is
26 scheduled to commence, the Employer may cancel the approved vacation or
27 authorize leave without pay.

1 **11.12 Vacation Leave Maximum**

2 Employees may accumulate maximum vacation balances not to exceed the
3 statutory limits in accordance with RCW 43.01.040 (currently two hundred forty
4 (240) hours). However, there are two (2) exceptions that allow vacation leave to
5 accumulate above the maximum:

6 A. If an employee's request for vacation leave is denied by the Appointing
7 Authority or designee, and the employee has not exceeded the vacation
8 leave maximum (currently two hundred forty (240) hours), the Employer
9 shall grant an extension for each month that the Employer defers the
10 employee's request for vacation leave.

11 B. An employee may also accumulate vacation leave days in excess of the
12 statutory limit (currently two hundred forty (240) hours) as long as the
13 employee uses the excess balance prior to his or her anniversary date. Any
14 leave in excess of the maximum that is not deferred in advance of its accrual
15 as described above, will be lost on the employee's anniversary date.

16 **11.13 Separation**

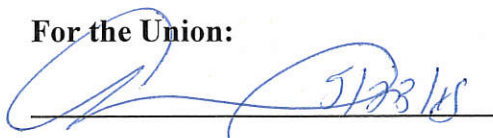
17 Any employee who has been employed for at least six (6) continuous months will
18 be entitled to payment for vacation leave credits when they:

- 19 A. Resign with adequate notice,
20 B. Retire,
21 C. Are laid-off, or
22 D. Are terminated by the Employer.

23 In addition, the estate of a deceased employee will be entitled to payment for
24 vacation leave credits.

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- 1 1. Child, including biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, or for
- 2 whom the employee stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian or is
- 3 de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status;
- 4 2. Biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal
- 5 guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered
- 6 domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the
- 7 employee was a minor child;
- 8 3. Spouse;
- 9 4. Registered domestic partner as defined by RCW 26.60;
- 10 5. Grandparent;
- 11 6. Grandchild; or
- 12 7. Sibling

- 13 C. Qualifying absences for Family and Medical Leave ([Article 15](#)).
- 14 D. Exposure of the employee to contagious disease when attendance at work
- 15 would jeopardize the health of others.
- 16 E. ~~In accordance with RCW 49.46.210, w~~When an employee's place of
- 17 business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related
- 18 reason, or when an employee's child's school or place of care has been
- 19 closed for such a reason. Health-related reason, as defined in WAC 296-
- 20 128-600 (8), means a serious public health concern that could result in
- 21 bodily injury or exposure to an infectious agent, biological toxin, or
- 22 hazardous material. Health-related reason does not include closure for
- 23 inclement weather.
- 24 F. Preventative health care appointments of household members, up to one (1)
- 25 day for each occurrence, when the employee attends the appointment, if
- 26 arranged in advance with the Employer. A household member is defined as
- 27 persons who reside in the same household who have reciprocal duties to and

1 do provide financial support for one another. This term does not include
2 persons sharing the same house when the living style is primarily that of a
3 dormitory or commune.

4 G. To attend a medically-related interdisciplinary meeting necessary for the
5 planning and care of a minor/dependent child who requires coordinated care
6 of services in the home or school setting.

7 H. When an employee is absent from work to be with member(s) of the
8 employee's household who experience an illness or injury, ~~up to five (5)~~
9 ~~days for each occurrence or as extended by the Employer.~~

10 I. Sick leave use for bereavement is limited to five (5) days or ^{more, if} as approved by
11 the Employer. This applies to the family member list as identified in Article
12 12.2 B. and also the relative list as identified in Article 17.7 F. and below.
13 ~~A death of a relative in cases where the employee is not eligible for~~
14 ~~bereavement leave under Article 17, Miscellaneous Paid Leaves or when~~
15 ~~the employee elects to extend authorized bereavement leave. Sick leave use~~
16 ~~for bereavement is limited to five (5) days or as extended by the agency for~~
17 ~~travel.~~

18 A relative is defined to include: aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, sibling-in-law,
19 first cousin, and corresponding relatives of the employee's spouse or
20 domestic partner.

21 J. Leave for Family Military Leave as required by [RCW 49.77](#) and in
22 accordance with [Section 18.14](#), Military Family Leave.

23 K. Leave for Domestic Violence Leave as required by [RCW 49.76](#).

1 **12.3 Use of Compensatory Time, Exchange Time, Vacation Leave, Personal Leave**
2 **Day or Personal Holiday for Sick Leave Purposes**

3 The Employer will allow an employee to use compensatory time, exchange time,
4 personal holiday, personal leave day or vacation leave for sick leave purposes. An
5 employee may be denied the ability to use compensatory time, exchange time,
6 personal holiday, personal leave day, or vacation leave for sick leave purposes if
7 the employee has documented attendance problems. All compensatory time,
8 exchange time, personal holiday, personal leave day or vacation leave requests for
9 sick leave purposes will indicate that the compensatory time, exchange time,
10 personal holiday, personal leave day or vacation leave is being requested in lieu of
11 sick leave. For full-time employees a personal holiday or personal leave day must
12 be used in full shift increments. For part-time employees the use of a personal
13 holiday for sick leave purposes will be calculated in accordance with Section 10.3
14 E and the use of a personal leave day for sick leave purposes will be calculated in
15 accordance with [Subsection 17.9 D](#).

16 **12.4 Restoration of Vacation Leave**

17 When a condition listed in Subsection 12.2 A, arises while the employee is on
18 vacation leave, the employee will be granted accrued sick leave, in lieu of the
19 approved vacation leave, provided that the employee requests such leave within
20 fourteen (14) calendar days of his or her return to work. The equivalent amount of
21 vacation leave will be restored. The supervisor may require a written medical
22 certificate.

23 **12.5 Sick Leave Reporting, Certification and Verification**

24 A. An employee must promptly notify his or her supervisor on the first day of
25 sick leave and each day after, unless there is mutual agreement to do
26 otherwise.

27 B. Call in for all Employees in a Position Requiring Relief, excluding the
28 Special Commitment Center

1 If the employee is in a position where a relief replacement is necessary, the
2 employee will make every effort to notify his or her supervisor as soon as
3 practicable but, not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) hours prior to his or
4 her scheduled time to report to work (excluding leave taken for emergencies
5 in accordance with the Domestic Violence Leave Law, RCW 49.76).

6 C. Call in for all Special Commitment Center Employees in a Position
7 Requiring Relief

8 If the employee is in a position where a relief replacement is necessary, the
9 employee will make every effort to notify his or her supervisor as soon as
10 practicable but, not less than two (2) hours prior to his or her scheduled time
11 to report to work (excluding leave taken for emergencies in accordance with
12 the Domestic Violence Leave law).

13 D. Sick Leave Abuse

14 ~~If~~ When the Employer suspects sick leave abuse, and notifies the employee,
15 they will be given reasons for that suspicion and the Employer may be
16 required to provide a written medical certificate for any sick leave absence.
17 The Employer will not require continuous medical verification for longer
18 than seven (7) months as a result of the Employer suspecting abuse.

19 The Employer will not adopt or enforce any policy that counts the use of
20 sick leave for an authorized purpose as an absence that may lead to or result
21 in discipline. An authorized purpose is sick leave used in accordance with
22 the terms and conditions of this Agreement and Agency Policy. The
23 Employer will not discriminate or retaliate against an employee for the use
24 of paid sick leave.

25 E. ~~In addition, a~~ An employee returning to work after any sick leave absence
26 may be required to provide written certification from his or her health care
27 provider that the employee is able to return to work and perform the
28 essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation.

1 If medical certification or verification is required for employees in overtime-
2 eligible positions, it shall be in accordance with the provisions of RCW 49.46.210,
3 WAC 296-128, and this Agreement.

4 **12.6 Carry Forward and Transfer**

5 Employees will be allowed to carry forward, from year to year of service, any
6 unused sick leave allowed under this provision, and will retain and carry forward
7 any unused sick leave accumulated prior to the effective date of this Agreement.
8 When an employee moves from one state agency to another, regardless of status,
9 the employee's accrued sick leave will be transferred to the new agency for the
10 employee's use.

11 **12.7 Sick Leave Annual Cash Out**

12 Each January, employees are eligible to receive cash on a one (1) hour for four (4)
13 hours basis for ninety-six (96) hours or less of their accrued sick leave, if:

- 14 A. Their sick leave balance at the end of the previous calendar year exceeds
15 four hundred and eighty (480) hours;
- 16 B. The converted sick leave hours do not reduce their previous calendar year
17 sick leave balance below four hundred and eighty (480) hours; and
- 18 C. They notify their payroll office by January 31st that they would like to
19 convert their sick leave hours earned during the previous calendar year,
20 minus any sick leave hours used during the previous year, to cash.

21 All converted hours will be deducted from the employee's sick leave balance.

22 **12.8 Sick Leave Cash Out for Retirement or Death**

23 At the time of retirement from state service or at death, an eligible employee or the
24 employee's estate will receive cash for his or her total sick leave balance on a one
25 (1) hour for four (4) hours basis. For the purposes of this Section, retirement will

1 not include “vested out of service” employees who leave funds on deposit with the
2 retirement system.

3 **12.9 Reemployment**

4 Former state employees who are re-employed within five (5) years of leaving state
5 service will be granted all unused sick leave credits they had at separation.

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1 **ARTICLE 13**

2 **VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION**

3 (Current Contract Language)

4 In accordance with state and federal law, agencies and employees in bargaining units may
5 agree to form Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (tax-free medical spending
6 accounts) funded by the retiree's sick leave cash out. Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary
7 Association of employees covered by this Agreement will be implemented only by written
8 agreement with the Union.

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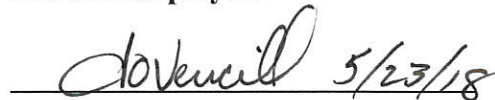
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ARTICLE 14
SHARED LEAVE

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3 **14.1** A. State employees may donate vacation leave, sick leave, or personal holidays
4 to a fellow state employee who is:

- 5 1. Called to service in the uniformed services;
- 6 2. Responding to a state of emergency anywhere within the United
7 States declared by the federal or any state government;
- 8 3. A victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- 9 4. Suffering from or has a relative or household member suffering from
10 an extraordinary or severe illness, injury, impairment, or physical or
11 mental condition;
- 12 5. Sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy disability; or
- 13 6. Taking parental leave to bond with their newborn, adoptive or foster
14 child.

15 B. An employee is eligible to request participation in the shared leave program
16 when the employee is able to use accrued vacation leave, sick leave, or a
17 personal holiday.

18 C. For purposes of the state leave sharing program, the following definitions
19 apply:

- 20 1. "Domestic violence" means physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or
21 the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or
22 assault, between family or household members as defined in
23 [RCW 26.50.010](#); sexual assault of one family or household member
24 by another family or household member; or stalking as defined in

25 [RCW 9A.46.110](#) of one family or household member by another
26 family or household member.

27 2. “Employee” means any employee who is entitled to accrue sick
28 leave or vacation leave and for whom accurate leave records are
29 maintained.

30 3. Employee’s “~~family memberrelative~~” is ~~defined to include:limited~~
31 ~~to the employee’s spouse, state registered domestic partner as~~
32 ~~defined by RCW 26.60.020 and 26.60.030, child, stepchild,~~
33 ~~grandchild, sibling, grandparent, parent or stepparent.~~

34 a. Child, including biological, adopted, or foster child,
35 stepchild, or for whom the employee stands in loco parentis,
36 is a legal guardian or is de facto parent, regardless of age or
37 dependency status;

38 b. Biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or
39 legal guardian of an employee or the employee’s spouse or
40 registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco
41 parentis when the employee was a minor child;

42 c. Spouse;

43 d. Registered domestic partner as defined by RCW 26.60;

44 e. Grandparent;

45 f. Grandchild; or

46 g. Sibling.

47 4. “Household members” are defined as persons who reside in the
48 same home who have reciprocal duties to and do provide financial

49 support for one another. This term will include foster children and
50 legal wards even if they do not live in the household. The term does
51 not include persons sharing the same general house, when the living
52 style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune.

53 5. "Service in the uniformed services" means the performance of duty
54 on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under
55 competent authority and includes active duty, active duty for
56 training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-
57 time national guard duty including state-ordered active duty, and a
58 period for which a person is absent from a position of employment
59 for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the
60 person to perform any such duty.

61 6. "Severe" or "extraordinary" condition is defined as serious or
62 extreme and/or life threatening.

63 7. "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as in [RCW 70.125.030](#).

64 8. "Stalking" has the same meaning as in [RCW 9A.46.110](#).

65 9. "Uniformed services" means the armed forces, the army national
66 guard, and the air national guard of any state, territory,
67 commonwealth, possession, or district when engaged in active duty
68 for training, inactive duty training, full-time national guard duty,
69 state active duty, the commissioned corps of the public health
70 service, the coast guard, and any other category of persons
71 designated by the President of the United States in time of war or
72 national emergency.

73 10. "Victim" means a person against whom domestic violence, sexual
74 assault, or stalking has been committed against as defined in this
75 Section.

76 11. "Parental leave" means leave to bond and care for a newborn child
77 after birth or to bond and care for a child after placement for
78 adoption or ~~child care~~ foster care, for a period of up to sixteen (16)
79 weeks after the birth or placement.

80 12. "Pregnancy disability" ~~leave~~ means a pregnancy-related medical
81 condition or miscarriage.

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83 **14.2** An employee may be eligible to receive shared leave under the following
84 conditions:

85 A. The employee's agency head or designee determines that the employee
86 meets the criteria described in this Section.

87 B. For work-related illness or injury, the employee has diligently pursued and
88 been found to be ineligible for benefits under [RCW 51.32](#) if the employee
89 qualifies under Subsection 14.3 A1.

90 C. The employee has abided by agency policies regarding the use of sick leave
91 if the employee qualifies under Subsections 14.3 A1, A4, or A5.

92 D. The employee has abided by agency policies regarding the use of vacation
93 leave and paid military leave if the employee qualifies under Subsection
94 14.3 A2.

95 E. A state of emergency has been declared anywhere within the United States
96 by the federal or any state government if the employee qualifies under
97 Subsection 14.3 A3.

98 F. Donated leave may be transferred from employees within the same agency,
99 or with the approval of the heads or designees of both state agencies, higher
100 education institutions, or school districts/educational service districts, to an
101 employee of another state agency, higher education institution, or school
102 district/educational district.

103 **14.3** An employee may donate vacation leave, sick leave, or personal holiday to another
104 employee only under the following conditions:

105 A. The receiving employee:

106 1. Suffers from, or has a relative or household member suffering from,
107 an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition which
108 is of an extraordinary or severe nature; or

109 2. Has been called to service in the uniformed services; or

110 3. Has the needed skills to assist in responding to an emergency or its
111 aftermath and volunteers his or her services to either a governmental
112 agency or to a nonprofit organization engaged in humanitarian relief
113 in the devastated area, and the governmental agency or nonprofit
114 organization accepts the employee's offer of volunteer services;

115 4. Is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or

116 5. Is taking parental leave and/or pregnancy disability leave.

117 B. The illness, injury, impairment, condition, call to service, emergency
118 volunteer service, consequence of domestic violence, sexual assault, or
119 stalking, parental leave and/or pregnancy disability leave has caused, or is
120 likely to cause, the receiving employee to:

121 1. Go on leave without pay status; or

- 122 2. Terminate state employment.
- 123 C. The receiving employee's absence and the use of shared leave are justified.
- 124 D. The receiving employee has depleted or will shortly deplete:
- 125 1. Vacation leave, sick leave, and personal holiday reserves if the
126 employee qualifies under Subsection 14.3 A1; or
- 127 2. Vacation leave and paid military leave allowed under
128 [RCW 38.40.060](#) if the employee qualifies under Subsection
129 14.3 A2; or
- 130 3. Vacation leave and personal holiday if the employee qualifies under
131 Subsection 14.3 A3 or 14.3 A4; or
- 132 4. Personal holiday and compensatory time if the employee qualifies
133 under Subsection 14.3 A5. The employee under this Subsection can
134 retain in reserve up to forty (40) hours each of vacation leave and
135 sick leave.
- 136 E. The agency head or designee permits the leave to be shared with an eligible
137 employee.
- 138 F. The donating employee may donate any amount of vacation leave, provided
139 the donation does not cause the employee's vacation leave balance to fall
140 below eighty (80) hours. For part-time employees, requirements for
141 vacation leave balances will be prorated.
- 142 G. Employees may donate excess vacation leave that the donor would not be
143 able to take due to an approaching anniversary date.
- 144 H. The donating employee may donate any specified amount of sick leave,
145 provided the donation does not cause the employee's sick leave balance to

146 fall below one hundred seventy-six (176) hours after the transfer. For
147 purposes of sick leave donation, a day equals the donor's monthly sick leave
148 accrual.

149 I. The donating employee may donate all or part of a personal holiday. Any
150 portion of a personal holiday that is not used will be returned to the donating
151 employee.

152 **14.4** The agency head or designee will determine the amount of donated leave an
153 employee may receive and may only authorize an employee to use up to a
154 maximum of five hundred twenty-two (522) days of shared leave during total state
155 employment. The Employer may authorize leave in excess of five hundred twenty-
156 two (522) days in extraordinary circumstances for an employee qualifying for the
157 program because he or she is suffering from an illness, injury, impairment or
158 physical or mental condition which is of an extraordinary or severe nature. A non-
159 permanent or on-call employee who is eligible to use accrued leave or personal
160 holiday may not use shared leave beyond the termination date specified in the non-
161 permanent or on-call employee's appointment letter.

162 **14.5** A. The agency head or designee will require the employee to submit, prior to
163 approval or disapproval:

164 1. A medical certificate from a licensed physician or health care
165 practitioner verifying the severe or extraordinary nature and
166 expected duration of the condition when the employee is qualified
167 under Subsection 14.3 A1;

168 2. A copy of the military orders verifying the employee's required
169 absence when the employee is qualified for shared leave under
170 Subsection 14.3 A2;

171 3. Proof of acceptance of an employee's offer to volunteer for either a
172 governmental agency or nonprofit organization during a declared
173 state of emergency when the employee is qualified for shared leave
174 under Subsection 14.3 A3; or

175 4. Verification of the employee's status as a victim of domestic
176 violence, sexual assault or stalking when the employee is qualified
177 for shared leave under Subsection 14.3 A4; or

178 5. Verification of child birth or placement of adoption or foster care,
179 or a medication certificate from a licensed physician or health care
180 provider verifying the pregnancy disability when the employee is
181 qualified under Subsection 14.3 A5.

182 B. To the extent allowed by law, the agency will maintain the confidentiality
183 of the verifying information unless disclosure is authorized in writing by the
184 employee.

185 C. The agency head or designee will respond in writing to shared leave
186 requests within ten (10) working days of receipt of a properly submitted
187 request.

188 D. Once approved, and with authorization from the requesting employee,
189 agencies will post and/or distribute shared leave requests. If an employee's
190 shared leave needs are unmet, and upon request from the requesting
191 employee, shared leave requests will be distributed at least monthly.

192 **14.6** Any donated leave may only be used by the recipient for the purposes specified in
193 this Article.

194 **14.7** The receiving employee will be paid his or her regular rate of pay; therefore, one
195 (1) hour of shared leave may cover more or less than one (1) hour of the recipient's

196 salary. The calculation of the recipient's leave value will be in accordance with
197 Office of Financial Management policies, regulations, and procedures. The dollar
198 value of the leave is converted from the donor to the recipient. The leave received
199 will be coded as shared leave and be maintained separately from all other leave
200 balances.

201 **14.8** A. All forms of paid leave available for use by the recipient must be used prior
202 to using shared leave when qualified under Subsection 14.3 A1.

203 B. All forms of paid leave, except sick leave, available for use by the recipient
204 must be used prior to using shared leave when qualified under Subsection
205 14.3 A2, 14.3 A3, or 14.3 A4.

206 C. For shared leave qualified under Subsection 14.3 A5, the employee is
207 required to deplete their personal holiday and all compensatory time. The
208 employee is also required to deplete vacation leave and sick leave that is
209 over forty (40) hours in each category.

210 **14.9** A. Any shared leave no longer needed or will not be needed at a future time in
211 connection with the original injury or illness or for any other qualifying condition
212 by the recipient, as determined by the agency head or designee will be returned to
213 the donor(s).

214 B. Unused leave may not be returned until one of the following occurs:

215 1. The agency heads or designees receives a statement from the
216 employee's doctor verifying the injury or illness is resolved, or

217 2. The employee is released to full time employment, has not received
218 additional medical treatment for his or her current condition or any
219 other qualifying condition for at least six (6) months, and the
220 employee's doctor has declined, in writing, the employee's request

221 for a statement indicating the employee's condition has been
222 resolved.

223 C. The shared leave remaining will be divided among the donors on a prorated
224 basis based on the original donated value and returned at its original donor
225 value and reinstated to each donor's appropriate leave balance. The return
226 will be prorated back based on the donor's original donation.

227 **14.10** If an employee later has a need to use shared leave due to the same condition listed
228 in their previously approved request, the agency head or designee must approve a
229 new shared leave request for the employee.

230 **14.11** All donated leave must be given voluntarily. No employee will be coerced,
231 threatened, intimidated, or financially induced into donating leave for purposes of
232 this program.

233 **14.12** The agency will maintain records that contain sufficient information to provide for
234 legislative review.

235 **14.13** An employee who uses leave that is transferred under this Article will not be
236 required to repay the value of the leave that he or she used.

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1 **ARTICLE 15**

2 **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE – PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE**

3 **15.1** A. Consistent with the federal [Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993](#) (FMLA)
4 and any amendments thereto and the [Washington State Family Leave Act](#)
5 [of 2006](#) (WFLA), an employee who has worked for the state for at least
6 twelve (12) months and for at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250)
7 hours during the twelve (12) months prior to the requested leave is entitled
8 to up to twelve (12) workweeks of family medical leave in a twelve (12)
9 month period for one or more of the following reasons 1 through 4:

10 1. Parental leave for the birth and to care for a newborn child, or
11 placement for adoption or foster care of a child and to care for that
12 child.

13 2. Personal medical leave due to the employee's own serious health
14 condition that requires the employee's absence from work.

15 3. Family medical leave to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or
16 state registered domestic partner as defined by [RCW 26.60.020](#) and
17 [26.60.030](#), who suffers from a serious health condition that requires
18 on-site care or supervision by the employee. Because the FMLA
19 does not recognize state registered domestic partners, an absence to
20 care for an employee's state registered domestic partner in
21 accordance with the WFLA will not be counted towards the twelve
22 (12) workweeks of FMLA.

23 4. Family medical leave for a qualifying exigency when the
24 employee's spouse, child of any age or parent is on active duty or
25 called to active duty status of the Armed Forces, Reserves or
26 National Guard for deployment to a foreign country. Qualifying
27 exigencies include attending certain military events, arranging for

1 alternate childcare, addressing certain financial and legal
2 arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending
3 post-deployment reintegration briefings.

4 5. Military Caregiver Leave will be provided to an eligible employee
5 who is the spouse, child of any age, parent or next of kin of a covered
6 service member. Eligible employees may take up to twenty-six (26)
7 workweeks of leave in a single twelve (12) month period to care for
8 the covered service member or veteran who is suffering from a
9 serious illness or injury incurred in the line of duty.

10 During a single twelve (12) month period during which Military
11 Caregiver leave is taken, the employee may only take a combined
12 total of twenty-six (26) weeks of leave for Military Caregiver Leave
13 and leave taken for the other FMLA qualifying reasons.

14 The single twelve (12) month period to care for a covered service
15 member or veteran begins on the first day the employee takes leave
16 for this reason and ends twelve (12) months later, regardless of the
17 twelve (12) month period established for other types of FMLA
18 leave.

19 B. Entitlement to family medical leave for the care of a newborn child or newly
20 adopted or foster child ends twelve (12) months from the date of birth or the
21 placement of the foster or adopted child.

22 C. The one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hour eligibility requirement
23 noted above does not count paid time off such as time used as vacation
24 leave, sick leave, exchange time, personal holidays, compensatory time off
25 or shared leave.

26 **15.2** The family medical leave entitlement period will be a rolling twelve (12) month
27 period measured forward from the date an employee begins family medical leave.

1 Each time an employee takes family medical leave during the twelve (12) month
2 period, the leave will be subtracted from the twelve (12) workweeks of available
3 leave.

4 **15.3** The Employer will continue the employee's existing employer-paid health
5 insurance, life insurance and disability insurance benefits during the period of leave
6 covered by family medical leave. The employee will be required to pay his or her
7 share of health insurance, life insurance and disability insurance premiums.

8 **15.4** The Employer has the authority to designate absences that meet the criteria of the
9 family medical leave. The use of any paid or unpaid leave (excluding leave for a
10 work-related illness or injury covered by workers' compensation or assault benefits
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12 concurrently with, not in addition to, the use of the family medical leave for that
13 event. An employee, who meets the eligibility requirements listed in Section 15.1,
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15 related illness or injury covered by workers' compensation, at any time during the
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18 medical leave usage in addition to any notice and certification requirements relating
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6 the period of the disability. Such leave due to pregnancy and/or childbirth
7 may be a combination of sick leave, vacation leave, personal holiday,
8 compensatory time, exchange time, shared leave and leave without pay. The
9 combination and use of paid and unpaid leave will be the choice of the
10 employee.

11 **15.12** Definitions used in this article will be in accordance with the FMLA and WFLA.
12 The parties recognize that the Department of Labor is working on further defining the
13 amendments to FMLA. The Employer and the employees will comply with existing and
14 any adopted federal FMLA regulations and/or interpretations.

15 **15.13 Washington Family Leave Act (WFLA) effective until December 31, 2019**

16 The parties recognize the WFLA (RCW 97.78) is being repealed and is only
17 effective until December 31, 2019 and therefore any references to WFLA or the
18 provisions of WFLA in this article expire December 31, 2019.

19 **15.14 Washington Family and Medical Leave Program effective January 1, 2020**

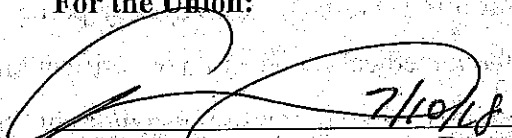
20 The parties recognize that the Washington State Family and Medical Leave
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22 and approval for leave for purposes as described under that Program shall be in
23 accordance with RCW 50A.04. In the event the legislature amends all or part of
24 RCW 50A.04, those amendments are considered by the parties to be incorporated
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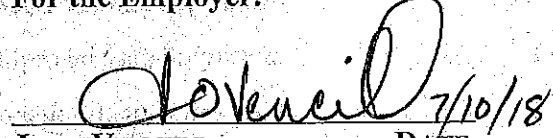
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1 C. Any accrued sick leave, up to a maximum of three (3) days in any calendar
2 year.

3 D. Leave without pay.

4 Although the types of paid leave will be used in the order listed above and each
5 type of paid leave will be exhausted before the next is used, employees will be
6 permitted to use leave without pay or their personal holiday rather than vacation or
7 sick leave at their request.

8 Employees who report to work late because of severe inclement weather, conditions
9 caused by severe inclement weather or a natural disaster will be allowed up to one
10 (1) hour of paid time (up to two (2) hours for employees who work at the Special
11 Commitment Center [SCC] on McNeil Island). If the Employer suspects abuse, the
12 Appointing Authority may deny an employee up to one (1) hour (or two (2) hours
13 for SCC employees) of paid time.

14 **16.3** If the Director or Secretary or designee of an agency determines a state office or
15 work location is non-operational after the work shift has begun, employees will be
16 released for the balance of the day without loss of pay. An employee who was
17 unable to report to work because of severe inclement weather, conditions caused
18 by severe inclement weather or a natural disaster and is on leave in accordance
19 with Section 16.2 of this Article, will be compensated for the balance of his or her
20 work shift remaining after the determination that the state office or work location
21 is non-operational and will not be charged leave for that time. An employee who
22 is on approved leave for reasons other than severe inclement weather, conditions
23 caused by severe inclement weather or a natural disaster will not have his or her
24 leave restored.

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1 **ARTICLE 17**

2 **MISCELLANEOUS PAID LEAVES**

3 **17.1** Employees will be allowed paid leave, during scheduled work time:

4 A For examinations or interviews for state employment, when approved in
5 advance;

6 B. To receive assessment through the Employee Assistance Program, when
7 approved in advance;

8 C. To serve as a member of a jury, as specifically provided below in
9 [Section 17.4](#);

10 D. To appear in court or administrative hearing, as specifically provided below
11 in [Section 17.5](#);

12 E. For life-giving procedures, when approved in advance;

13 F. For bereavement leave, as specifically provided below in [Section 17.7](#);

14 G. For military leave, as specifically provided below in [Section 17.8](#); or

15 H. To serve as a member of the ~~2019-2021~~ Union collective bargaining team
16 as provided in [Section 39.13, ~~2019-2021~~ Master Agreement Negotiations](#).

17 **17.2 Examinations/Interviews**

18 When approved, employees will receive paid leave for attendance at examinations
19 or interviews for state employment. Leave may include reasonable travel time.

20 **17.3 Employee Assistance Program**

21 When approved, employees will receive paid leave ~~for up to three visits to receive~~
22 ~~for~~ assessment through the Employee Assistance Program. Leave may include
23 reasonable travel time.

1 **17.4 Jury Duty**

2 Employees will receive paid leave and be allowed to retain any compensation paid
3 to them for their jury duty service. Employees will promptly inform the Employer
4 when notified of a jury duty summons and will cooperate in requesting a
5 postponement of service if warranted by business demands. If selected to be on a
6 jury, employee-requested schedule changes will be approved, if possible, to
7 accommodate jury duty service. If employees are released from jury duty and there
8 are more than two (2) hours remaining on their work shift, they may be required to
9 return to work.

10 **17.5 Witness/Subpoena**

11 Employees will promptly inform the Employer when they receive a subpoena. A
12 subpoenaed employee will receive paid leave, during scheduled work time to
13 appear as a witness in court or administrative hearing, except as provided in
14 Section 36.6, Attendance at Meetings, provided:

- 15 A. The employee has been subpoenaed on the Employer's behalf, or
16 B. The subpoena is for a legal proceeding which is unrelated to the personal or
17 financial matters of the employee.

18 **17.6 Life-Giving Procedures**

19 When approved, employees will receive paid leave, not to exceed five (5) working
20 days in a two (2) year period, for participating in life-giving procedures. The
21 Employer may approve additional days through the use of accrued paid leave.
22 “Life-giving procedure” is defined as a medically-supervised procedure involving
23 the testing, sampling, or donation of blood, platelets, organs, fluids, tissues, and
24 other human body components for the purposes of donation, without compensation,
25 to a person or organization for medically necessary treatments. Employees will
26 provide reasonable advance notice and written proof from an accredited medical
27 institution, physician or other medical professional that the employee participated

1 in a life-giving procedure. Agencies may take into account program and staffing
2 replacement requirements in the scheduling of leave for life-giving procedures.

3 **17.7 Bereavement Leave**

4 A. An employee is entitled to three (3) days of paid bereavement leave if his
5 or her family member or household member dies. An employee may request
6 less than three (3) days of bereavement leave.

7 B. The Employer may require verification of the family member's or
8 household member's death.

9 C. In addition to paid bereavement leave, the Employer may approve an
10 employee's request to use compensatory time, sick leave, vacation leave,
11 exchange time, his or her personal holiday or leave without pay for purposes
12 of bereavement and in accordance with this Agreement.

13 D. ~~For purposes of this Section a~~A family member is defined as: ~~parent, step-~~
14 ~~parent, sister, brother, parent-in-law, spouse, state-registered domestic~~
15 ~~partner as defined by RCW 26.60.020 and 26.60.030, grandparent, step-~~
16 ~~grandparent, grandchild, child-in-law, child and step-child.~~

17 1. Child, including biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, or
18 who the parent stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian or is de
19 facto parent, regardless of age or dependency;

20 2. Biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal
21 guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered
22 domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the
23 employee was a minor child;

24 3. Spouse;

25 4. Registered domestic partner as defined by RCW 26.60;

26 5. Grandparent;

27 6. Grandchild; or

1 7. Sibling

2 E.D. A household member is defined as persons who reside in the same home
3 who have reciprocal duties to and do provide financial support for one
4 another. This term does not include persons sharing the same house when
5 the living style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune.

6 E.F. In the event of the death of an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, sibling-in-law,
7 first cousin, and corresponding relatives of the employee's spouse or
8 domestic partner, the Employer will approve the employee's accrued paid
9 leave for all deaths up to a total of five (5) days for each calendar year.
10 Additional days may be approved by the Employer. The Employer may
11 deny leave requested under this provision for the holidays specified in
12 Article 10.1, Holidays.

13 **17.8 Military Leave**

14 Employees will be entitled to military leave with pay not to exceed twenty-one (21)
15 working days during each year, beginning October 1st and ending the following
16 September 30th, in order to report for required military duty, when called, or to take
17 part in training or drills including those in the National Guard or state active status.

18 **17.9 Personal Leave**

19 A. An employee may choose one (1) workday as a personal leave day each
20 fiscal year during the life of this Agreement if the employee has been
21 continuously employed for more than four (4) months.

22 B. The Employer will release the employee from work on the day selected for
23 personal leave if:

- 24 1. The employee has given at least fourteen (14) calendar days' written
25 notice to his or her supervisor. However, the supervisor has the
26 discretion to allow a shorter notice period.

1 2. The number of employees selecting a particular day off does not
2 prevent the agency from providing continued public service.

3 C. Personal leave may not be carried over from one fiscal year to the next.

4 D. Part-time and on-call employees who are employed during the month in
5 which the personal leave day is taken will be compensated for the personal
6 leave day in an amount proportionate to the time in pay status during the
7 month to that required for full-time employment.

8 E. Upon request, an employee will be approved to use part or all of his or her
9 personal leave day for:

10 1. The care of family members as required by the Family Care Act,
11 WAC 296-130.

12 2. Leave as required by the Military Family Leave Act, RCW 49.77
13 and in accordance with Section 18.14, Military Family Leave; or

14 3. Leave as required by the Domestic Violence Leave Act,
15 RCW 49.76.

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ARTICLE 18

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LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

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18.1 Leave without pay will be granted for the following reasons:

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A. Family and medical leave ([Article 15](#));

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B. Compensable work-related injury or illness leave ([Article 19](#));

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C. Military leave;

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D. Volunteer firefighting leave—emergencies;

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E. Family military leave;

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F. Domestic violence leave; and

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G. Leave for a reason of faith or conscience (Section 18.16).

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18.2 Leave without pay may be granted for the following reasons:

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A. Educational leave;

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B. Sabbatical;

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C. Child and elder care emergencies;

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D. Governmental service leave;

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E. Citizen volunteer or community service leave;

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F. Conditions applicable for leave with pay;

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G. Seasonal career employment;

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H. Formal collective bargaining leave;

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I. Volunteer firefighting leave—non-emergencies; and

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J. As otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

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18.3 Limitations

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Leave without pay will be limited to no more than twelve (12) months in any consecutive five (5) year period, except for:

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A. Compensable work-related injury or illness;

- 1 B. Educational leave;
- 2 C. Governmental service;
- 3 D. Military;
- 4 E. Seasonal career employment leave;
- 5 F. Leave for serious health condition taken under the provisions of Article 15,
- 6 Family and Medical Leave – Pregnancy Disability Leave;
- 7 G. Leave taken voluntarily to reduce the effect of a layoff;
- 8 H. Leave authorized in advance by an Appointing Authority as part of a plan
- 9 to reasonably accommodate a person of disability;
- 10 I. Leave to participate in union activities;
- 11 J. Volunteer firefighting leave; or
- 12 K. Domestic violence leave.

13 **18.4 Returning Employee Rights**

14 Employees returning from authorized leave without pay will be employed in the
15 same position or in another position in the same job classification and the same
16 geographical area, as determined by the Employer, provided that such
17 reemployment is not in conflict with other articles in this Agreement. The employee
18 and the Employer may enter into a written agreement regarding return rights at the
19 commencement of the leave.

20 **18.5 Military Leave**

21 In addition to twenty-one (21) days of paid leave granted to employees for required
22 military duty or to take part in training, or drills including those in the National
23 Guard or active status, unpaid military leave will be granted in accordance with

1 [RCW 38.40.060](#) and applicable federal law. Employees on military leave will be
2 reinstated as provided in [RCW 73.16](#) and applicable federal law.

3 **18.6 Educational Leave**

4 Leave without pay may be granted for educational leave for the duration of actual
5 attendance in an educational program.

6 **18.7 Sabbatical**

7 Leave without pay may be granted for sabbatical for the purpose of professional
8 employee growth

9 **18.8 Child and Elder Care Emergencies**

10 Leave without pay may be granted for child and elder care emergencies. In lieu of
11 leave without pay, compensatory time, exchange time or paid leave may also be
12 used for child and elder care emergencies.

13 **18.9 Seasonal Career Employment**

14 Leave without pay may be granted to seasonal career employees during their off-
15 season.

16 **18.10 Governmental Service Leave**

17 Leave without pay may be granted for governmental service in the public interest,
18 including, but not limited to the U.S. Public Health Service or Peace Corps leave.

19 **18.11 Citizen Volunteer or Community Service Leave**

20 Leave without pay may be granted for community volunteerism or service.

21 **18.12 Formal Collective Bargaining Leave**

22 Leave without pay may be granted to participate in formal collective bargaining
23 sessions authorized by [RCW 41.80](#).

1 **18.13 Volunteer Firefighting Leave**

2 A. Leave without pay will be granted for emergencies. Emergencies include
3 when an employee who is a volunteer firefighter is called to duty to respond
4 to a fire, natural disaster or medical emergency. Vacation leave may be
5 substituted for leave without pay for emergencies.

6 B. Leave without pay may be granted for non-emergencies. Non-emergencies
7 may include training, inspections and public outreach activities.

8 **18.14 Military Family Leave**

9 Leave without pay will be granted to an employee whose spouse or state registered
10 domestic partner as defined by [RCW 26.60.020](#) and [26.60.030](#) is on leave from
11 deployment or before and up to deployment, during a period of military conflict.
12 Use of leave without pay, compensatory time, vacation leave, sick leave, and all or
13 part of a personal holiday is limited to a combined maximum of fifteen (15)
14 working days per deployment. Employees must provide the Employer with five (5)
15 business days notice after receipt of official notice that the employee's spouse or
16 state registered domestic partner will be on leave or of an impending call to active
17 duty.

18 **18.15 Domestic Violence Leave**

19 Leave without pay, including intermittent leave, will be granted to an employee
20 who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Family members
21 of a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking will be granted leave
22 without pay to help the victim obtain treatment or seek help. Family member for
23 the purpose of domestic violence leave includes child, spouse, state registered
24 domestic partner as defined by [RCW 26.60.020](#) and [26.60.030](#), parent, parent-in-
25 law, grandparent or a person the employee is dating. The Employer may require
26 verification from the employee requesting leave in accordance with [RCW 49.76](#).

1 **18.16 Holidays for a Reason of Faith or Conscience**

2 Leave without pay will be granted for a reason of faith or conscience or an
3 organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination,
4 church or religious organization for up to two (2) workdays per calendar year in
5 accordance with [RCW 1.16.050](#) and as provided below:

6 A. Leave for holidays for a reason of faith or conscience may only be denied
7 if the employee's absence would impose an undue hardship on the
8 Employer as defined by [Chapter 82-56 WAC](#) or the employee is necessary
9 to maintain public safety.

10 B. The Employer will allow an employee to use compensatory time, exchange
11 time, a personal holiday or vacation leave in lieu of leave without pay. All
12 requests to use compensatory time, exchange time, a personal holiday or
13 vacation leave must indicate the leave is being used in lieu of leave without
14 pay for a reason of faith or conscience. An employee's personal holiday
15 must be used in full workday increments.

16 C. An employee's seniority date, probationary period or trial service period
17 will not be affected by leave without pay taken for a reason of faith or
18 conscience.

19 D. An employee must give at least fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice
20 to their supervisor. However, the employee and supervisor may agree upon
21 a shorter timeframe.

22 E. Employees will only be required to identify that the request for leave
23 without pay is for a reason of faith or conscience or an organized activity
24 conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church or
25 religious organization.

1 **18.17 Requests – Approval and Denial**

2 Requests for leave without pay will be submitted in writing. The Employer will
3 respond to employee leave without pay requests as soon as possible, but no later
4 than fourteen (14) calendar days. At the request of an employee, the reasons for the
5 denial will be provided in writing.

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1 **19.3 Return-to-Work**

2 The Employer will follow the provisions of WAC 357-19-525, 530 and 535, and
3 agency policy related to a return-to-work program. The Employer will attempt to
4 find opportunities, if available, for modified duty that can be offered to employees
5 participating in an agency return-to-work program.

6 **19.4 General Provisions**

7 Employees suffering from a work-related injury or illness may be allowed to adjust
8 their schedules to attend any needed therapy or follow-up medical appointments.
9 Employees will not be required to use Family and Medical Leave for work-related
10 illness or injuries covered by workers' compensation or assault benefits.
11 Notwithstanding Section 18.1, of Article 18, Leave Without Pay, the Employer may
12 separate an employee in accordance with Article 32, Reasonable Accommodation
13 and Disability Separation.

14 **19.5 Return to Work for Parks and Recreation Commission – Park Rangers**

15 A. A park ranger who becomes temporarily disabled due to a workplace injury
16 or suffers an occupational disease may be eligible to return to work in a
17 modified duty assignment. The assignment may permit the park ranger to
18 work within the classification in a modified capacity at the current rate of
19 salary.

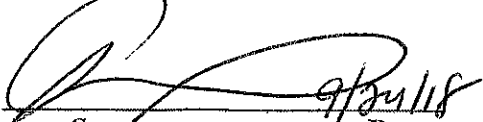
20 B. Opportunity for modified duty assignments are limited and are subject to
21 approval and conditioning by the assistant director of operations or
22 designee. Possible assignments will be based upon program needs and the
23 park ranger's limitation(s). Assignments may be denied when a park ranger
24 is deemed not capable of fulfilling all of the requirements of the modified
25 duty assignment, or if the assistant director of operations or designee
26 determines that there is insufficient need for an assignment. The assistant
27 director of operations or designee's decision is final and is not subject to
28 Article 29, Grievance Procedure.

- 1 C. Modified duty assignments must be presented to the assistant director of
2 operations or designee in writing and will only be considered when the
3 request is accompanied by a medical release to work and description of
4 limitations as determined by a licensed physician. If an assignment is
5 available, a written description of the assignment will be provided to the
6 requesting park ranger and to his or her chain of command and will require
7 a physician's approval that the park ranger is able to perform the modified
8 duties.
- 9 D. Modified duty assignments do not affect the essential job functions defined
10 by the agency for the classifications covered by the Agreement. Park
11 rangers in modified duty assignments may not exercise the authority of their
12 commission, wear agency uniforms, or drive patrol vehicles unless
13 authorized by the assistant director of operations or designee.
- 14 E. Non-Work Related Injury or Illness
15 Park rangers who become temporarily disabled due to a non-work-related
16 illness or injury may request a reasonable accommodation to return to work
17 in a modified duty assignment. The cost of the medical evaluations and
18 recommendations will be the park ranger's responsibility. The opportunity
19 for modified duty assignments is limited and is subject to approval and
20 conditioning by the assistant director of operations or designee. The
21 assistant director of operations' decision is final and is not subject to
22 Article 29, Grievance Procedure.

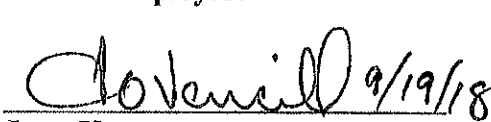
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1 **ARTICLE 20**

2 **SAFETY AND HEALTH**

3 **20.1** The Employer, employee and Union have a significant responsibility for workplace
4 safety and health.

5 A. The Employer will provide a work environment in accordance with safety
6 standards established by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act
7 (WISHA).

8 B. Employees will comply with all safety and health practices and standards
9 established by the Employer. Employees will contribute to a healthy
10 workplace, including not knowingly exposing co-workers and the public to
11 conditions that would jeopardize their health or the health of others. The
12 Employer may direct employees to use leave in accordance with [Article 12](#),
13 Sick Leave, when employees self-report a contagious health condition.

14 C. The Union will work cooperatively with the Employer on safety and health-
15 related matters and encourage employees to work in a safe manner.

16 D. When an employee has concerns about access to communications when
17 working away from their duty station, the employee will bring the issue to
18 their supervisor for resolution.

19 **20.2** The Employer will determine and provide the required safety devices, personal
20 protective equipment and apparel, including those used in the transporting of
21 offenders, patients and/or clients, which employees will wear and/or use. The
22 Employer will provide employees with orientation and/or training to perform their
23 jobs safely. If necessary, training will be provided to employees on the safe
24 operation of the equipment prior to use.

1 **20.3** Each agency will form joint safety committees in accordance with WISHA
2 requirements at each permanent work location where there are eleven (11) or more
3 employees.

4 **20.4** Safety committees will consist of employees selected by the Union and employer-
5 selected members. The number of employees selected by the Union must equal or
6 exceed the number of employer-selected members. The number of union-
7 designated employee representatives on the committee(s) will be proportionate to
8 the number of employees represented by the Union at the permanent work location.
9 Meetings will be conducted in accordance with [WAC 296-800-13020](#). Committee
10 recommendations will be forwarded to the appropriate Appointing Authority for
11 review and action, as necessary. The Appointing Authority or designee will report
12 follow-up action/information to the Safety Committee.

13 In those cases where the Union has attempted to provide union-designated
14 representatives for a safety committee and has been unable to do so, the Union may
15 contact the agency to request assistance in providing notice of safety committee
16 nominations. If the Union is still unable to provide representatives to the Employer,
17 then the Employer and the Union together will hold an election and will appoint
18 those elected representatives. If the Union is still unable to provide representatives
19 to the Employer, the Employer may appoint volunteers who have been elected and
20 are willing to serve until the Union designates safety committee representatives.

21 **20.5** The Employer will follow its practices regarding blood-borne pathogens.

22 **20.6** When an employee(s) worksite is impacted by a critical incident the Employer will
23 provide the employee(s) with an opportunity to receive a critical incident debriefing
24 from the Employee Assistance Program or other sources available to the agency.

25 **20.7** If the Employer determines employees have been exposed to a serious
26 communicable disease in the course of their official duties, the employee may be
27 granted paid administrative leave to seek testing and treatment.

1 **20.8 Ergonomic Assessments**

2 At the request of the employee, the Employer will ensure that an ergonomic
3 assessment of the employee's work station is completed. Solutions to identified
4 issues/concerns will be implemented within available resources.

5 **20.9 Air Quality Assessments**

6 Air quality concerns brought to the Safety Committee will be evaluated and
7 processed in accordance with Section 20.4, above.

8 **20.10 Department of Corrections**

9 A. The Employer will provide sufficient staff for the transportation of
10 offenders in a safe manner in accordance with agency policy.

11 B. The Employer will continue to provide controlled environments and the use
12 of safety glass in its field offices for the safety of staff.

13 C. The Employer will offer training to enhance staff's proficiency at detecting
14 potential risk and dangerous situations. The Employer will also offer
15 training on active threats and techniques of de-escalation.

16 D. The parties agree to maintain and utilize the Community Corrections
17 Division Security Advisory Committee to evaluate and propose solutions to
18 improve the operational safety of staff performing the work of community
19 corrections.


20 E. The parties commit to work together within the term of this agreement to
21 find a shared solution to the real-time monitoring concern.

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1 **21.4 Department of Corrections – Firearms Training and Ammunition**

2 Community Corrections Officers and Specialists who are authorized to carry and
3 use a firearm in the performance of their official duties are authorized to complete
4 two (2) hours of firearm practice monthly including care and cleaning of firearms.
5 Monthly firearms practice will be conducted by Department certified firearms
6 instructors and will be scheduled by the firearms training specialist. Staff will be
7 provided with two hundred (200) rounds of ammunition at these practices.

8 **21.5 Safety Footwear**

9 The Employer will determine the employees that are required to wear safety
10 footwear as essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Those employees in
11 the following agencies will receive a biennial allowance of \$225.00 per pair:

- 12 • Ecology
- 13 • Department of Agriculture
- 14 • Department of Enterprise Services
- 15 • Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 16 • Department of Social and Health Services – Consolidated Maintenance and
17 Operations
- 18 • Department of Social and Health Services – Eastern State Hospital
- 19 • Department of Social and Health Services – Western State Hospital
- 20 • Department of Transportation
- 21 • Liquor and Cannabis Board
- 22 • Labor and Industries
- 23 • Secretary of State
- 24 • Utilities and Transportation Commission

25 Agencies with policies or practices that allow a higher allowance are grandfathered
26 for those allowance levels. The process for purchasing safety footwear will follow
27 agency policy or practice.

1 **PROPOSAL IS TO MOVE TO ARTICLE 22**

2 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

3 **EMPLOYEES ONLY**

4 **ARTICLE 22**

5 **~~DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE~~**

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7 **~~22.1 — Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace~~**

8 ~~All employees must report to work in a condition fit to perform their assigned duties~~
9 ~~unimpaired by alcohol, marijuana or drugs.~~

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11 **~~22.2 — Possession of Alcohol, Marijuana and Illegal Drugs~~**

12 ~~A. — The use or possession of alcohol, or marijuana by an employee is prohibited~~
13 ~~in state vehicles, on agency premises, or other governmental or private~~
14 ~~worksites where employees are assigned to conduct official state business,~~
15 ~~except when the premises are considered residences.~~

16 ~~B. — The unlawful use, possession, delivery, dispensation, distribution,~~
17 ~~manufacture or sale of drugs in state vehicles, on agency premises or on~~
18 ~~official business is prohibited.~~

19 **~~22.3 — Notification of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications~~**

20 ~~Employees taking physician-prescribed or over-the-counter medications, if there is~~
21 ~~a substantial likelihood that such medication will affect job safety, must notify their~~
22 ~~supervisor or other designated official of the fact that they are taking a medication~~
23 ~~and the side effects of the medication.~~

24 **~~22.4 — Drug and Alcohol Testing~~**

25 ~~A. — Employees required to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or to be~~
26 ~~licensed by the United States Coast Guard, are subject to pre-employment,~~
27 ~~post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion testing in accordance with~~
28 ~~the U.S. Department of Transportation rules, Coast Guard Regulations (46~~

1 ~~CFR Part 16) or the Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act~~
2 ~~of 1991. The testing shall be conducted in accordance with agency policy,~~
3 ~~and subject to the provisions of this Article.~~

4 ~~B. In addition, employees who perform other safety sensitive functions are~~
5 ~~subject to pre-employment, post-accident, post-firearm shooting incidents,~~
6 ~~and reasonable suspicion testing, conducted according to agency policy. A~~
7 ~~blood test will be administered for post-shooting testing.~~

8 ~~For purposes of this Article, employees who perform other safety sensitive~~
9 ~~functions are those employees eligible to be issued firearms (Community~~
10 ~~Corrections Officers, Community Corrections Specialists and Corrections~~
11 ~~Officers) and those licensed health care professionals who administer or~~
12 ~~dispense medications as a part of their job duties.~~

13 ~~C. Post-accident drug and alcohol testing may be conducted when a work-~~
14 ~~related incident has occurred involving death, serious bodily injury or~~
15 ~~significant property/environmental damage, or the potential for death,~~
16 ~~serious injury, or significant property/environmental damage, and when the~~
17 ~~employee's action(s) or inaction(s) either contributed to the incident or~~
18 ~~cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor.~~

19 ~~22.5 Voluntary Request for Assistance~~

20 ~~A. An employee who requests assistance for a drug or alcohol problem will be~~
21 ~~afforded an opportunity to seek assistance from the Employee Assistance~~
22 ~~Program or other Agency recognized assistance program. If the assistance~~
23 ~~is requested prior to the employee providing a sample pursuant to testing,~~
24 ~~the employee will not be subject to discharge, unless other circumstances~~
25 ~~warrant such action.~~

26 ~~B. Assessment and Treatment~~

27 ~~The employee will be relieved from duty and placed on sick leave, vacation~~
28 ~~leave, or leave without pay pending completion of any initial chemical~~
29 ~~dependency assessment and successful completion of any in-patient~~
30 ~~chemical dependency rehabilitation program certified by the Department of~~
31 ~~Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery~~

1 ~~(DBHR). If the assessment results in a recommendation for an out-patient~~
2 ~~treatment program, the employee will enter a return to work agreement~~
3 ~~before being allowed to return to work. An employee will be discharged if~~
4 ~~he/she refuses to participate in or successfully complete any DBHR certified~~
5 ~~program.~~

6 ~~C. Return to Work~~

7 ~~Upon return to work after entering an out-patient program or successfully~~
8 ~~completing an in-patient rehabilitation program, the employee will be~~
9 ~~subject to random testing for a period of one (1) year. If the employee tests~~
10 ~~positive for drugs/alcohol during this period he/she will be discharged.~~

11 ~~D. Release of Information~~

12 ~~Employees participating in such treatment will agree to provide the~~
13 ~~Employer with a release of medical information sufficient to ensure the~~
14 ~~employee's compliance with the requirements of the rehabilitation program.~~

15 ~~**22.6 Reasonable Suspicion Testing All Employees**~~

16 ~~A. Standards~~

17 ~~Reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol, marijuana or controlled~~
18 ~~substances may be directed by the Employer for any employee when there~~
19 ~~is reason to suspect that alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance usage~~
20 ~~may be adversely affecting the employee's job performance or that the~~
21 ~~employee may present a danger to the physical safety of the employee or~~
22 ~~another.~~

23 ~~B. Specific Objective Grounds~~

24 ~~Specific objective grounds must be stated in writing that support the~~
25 ~~reasonable suspicion. Examples of specific objective grounds may include,~~
26 ~~but are not limited to:~~

- 27 ~~1. Physical symptoms consistent with alcohol, marijuana, or controlled~~
28 ~~substance use;~~
- 29 ~~2. Evidence or observation of alcohol, marijuana, or controlled~~
30 ~~substance use, possession, sale, or delivery; or~~

1 ~~3. The occurrence of an accident(s) where a trained manager, or~~
2 ~~supervisor suspects alcohol, marijuana, or controlled substance use~~
3 ~~may have been a factor.~~

4 ~~C. Referral~~

5 ~~Referral for testing will be made on the basis of specific objective grounds~~
6 ~~documented by a manager or supervisor who has attended the training on~~
7 ~~detecting the signs/symptoms of being affected by controlled substances,~~
8 ~~marijuana, and/or alcohol. The appointing authority or designee must~~
9 ~~approve the testing.~~

10 ~~D. Testing~~

11 ~~When reasonable suspicion exists, employees must submit to alcohol,~~
12 ~~marijuana, and/or controlled substance testing when required by the~~
13 ~~Employer. A refusal to test is considered the same as a positive test. When~~
14 ~~an employee is referred for testing, he or she will be removed immediately~~
15 ~~from duty and transported to the collection site. The cost of reasonable~~
16 ~~suspicion testing, including the employee's salary will be paid by the~~
17 ~~Employer.~~

18 ~~E. Testing Procedures~~

19 ~~Testing will be conducted by an outside certified agency in such a way to~~
20 ~~ensure maximum accuracy and reliability by using the techniques, chain of~~
21 ~~eustody procedures, equipment and laboratory facilities, which have been~~
22 ~~approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. All~~
23 ~~employees notified of a positive controlled substance, marijuana, and/or~~
24 ~~alcohol test result may request an independent test of their split sample at~~
25 ~~the employee's expense. If the test result is negative, the Employer will~~
26 ~~reimburse the employee for the cost of the split sample test.~~

27 ~~F. Positive Test Result~~

28 ~~A positive test result will be defined as any result qualifying as legally~~
29 ~~intoxicated under Department of Transportation standards. Except as~~

1 ~~provided in Article 22.5, an employee who has a positive alcohol,~~
2 ~~marijuana, and/or controlled substance test may be subject to disciplinary~~
3 ~~action, up to and including dismissal.~~


4 ~~22.7 Training~~

5 ~~Training will be made available to managers, supervisors, and Union Stewards. The~~
6 ~~training will include:~~


- 7 ~~A. The elements of the Employer's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace~~
8 ~~Program;~~
9 ~~B. The effects of drugs and alcohol in the workplace;~~
10 ~~C. Behavioral symptoms of being affected by controlled substances,~~
11 ~~marijuana, and/or alcohol; and~~
12 ~~D. Rehabilitation services available.~~

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1 ~~2.C.~~ The unlawful use, possession, delivery, dispensation, distribution,
2 manufacture or sale of alcohol or drugs, including marijuana, in state
3 vehicles, on agency premises or on official business is prohibited.

4 ~~22.3~~ **C. Notification of Prescription, Medical Marijuana and Over-the-**
5 **Counter Medications**

6 Employees taking physician-prescribed or over-the-counter medications, including
7 medical marijuana, must, if there is a substantial likelihood that such medication
8 will affect job safety, notify their supervisor or other designated official of the fact
9 that they are taking a medication and the side effects of the medication.

10 ~~22.4~~ **D. Drug and Alcohol Testing – Safety-Sensitive Functions**

11 ~~1.A.~~ Employees required to have a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) or to be
12 licensed by the United States Coast Guard, are subject to pre-employment,
13 post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion testing in accordance with
14 the U.S. Department of Transportation rules, Coast Guard Regulations (46
15 CFR Part 16) or the Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act
16 of 1991. The testing shall be conducted in accordance with agency policy.

17 ~~2.B.~~ In addition, employees who perform other safety-sensitive functions are
18 subject to pre-employment, post-accident, post-firearm shooting incidents,
19 and reasonable suspicion testing, conducted according to agency policy. For
20 purposes of this Article, employees who perform other safety-sensitive
21 functions are those issued firearms and those licensed health care
22 professionals who administer or dispense medications as a part of their job
23 duties.

24 ~~3.C.~~ Post-accident drug and alcohol testing may be conducted when a work-
25 related incident has occurred involving death, serious bodily injury or
26 significant property/environmental damage, or the potential for death,
27 serious injury, or significant property/environmental damage, and when the

1 employee's action(s) or inaction(s) either contributed to the incident or
2 cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor.

3 ~~22.5~~ E. **Reasonable Suspicion Testing – All Employees Performing Safety-**
4 **Sensitive Functions, and all Department of Transportation, and Washington**
5 **State Patrol Employees**

6 1.A. Reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol, marijuana or controlled
7 substances may be directed by the Employer for any employee performing
8 safety-sensitive functions or any employee of the Department of
9 Transportation or Washington State Patrol when there is reason to suspect
10 that alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance use may be adversely
11 affecting the employee's job performance or that the employee may present
12 a danger to the physical safety of the employee or another.

13 2.B. Specific objective grounds must be stated in writing that support the
14 reasonable suspicion. Examples of specific objective grounds may include,
15 but are not limited to:

16 a.1. Physical symptoms consistent with controlled substance, marijuana
17 and/or alcohol use;

18 b.2. Evidence or observation of controlled substance, marijuana or
19 alcohol use, possession, sale, or delivery; or

20 c.3. The occurrence of an accident(s) where a trained manager,
21 supervisor or lead worker suspects controlled substance, marijuana
22 and/or alcohol use may have been a factor.

23 3.C. Referral

24 Referral for testing will be made on the basis of specific objective grounds
25 documented by a manager, supervisor or lead worker who has attended the
26 training on detecting the signs/symptoms of being affected by controlled

1 substances, marijuana and/or alcohol and verified in person or over the
2 phone by another trained manager, supervisor or lead worker.

3 4.D. Testing

4 When reasonable suspicion exists, employees must submit to alcohol,
5 marijuana and/or controlled substance testing when required by the
6 Employer. A refusal to test is considered the same as a positive test. When
7 an employee is referred for testing, he or she will be removed immediately
8 from duty and transported to the collection site. The cost of reasonable
9 suspicion testing, including the employee's salary will be paid by the
10 Employer.

11 22.6 F. **Drug and Alcohol Testing – General**

12 For all employees tested in accordance with [Sections 22.4](#) and [22.5](#) above:

13 1.A. Testing will be conducted in such a way to ensure maximum accuracy and
14 reliability by using the techniques, chain of custody procedures, equipment
15 and laboratory facilities, which have been approved by the U.S. Department
16 of Health and Human Services. Employees in the same agency as the
17 employee being tested will not do collection and processing of samples,
18 excluding law enforcement officers using a breath-testing device. An
19 employee notified of a positive controlled substance and/or marijuana test
20 result may request an independent test of his or her split sample at the
21 employee's expense. If the test result is negative, the Employer will
22 reimburse the employee for the cost of the split sample test.

23 2.B. An employee who has a positive test for alcohol, marijuana, and/or a
24 positive controlled substance may be subject to disciplinary action, up to
25 and including dismissal, based on the incident that prompted the testing,
26 including a violation of agency drug and alcohol free workplace policies.

1 **22.7 G. Training**

2 Training will be made available to managers, supervisors, shop stewards, and lead
3 workers. The training will include:

4 **1.A.** The elements of the Employer's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
5 Program;

6 **2.B.** The effects of drugs and alcohol in the workplace;

7 **3.C.** Behavioral symptoms of being affected by controlled substances, marijuana
8 and/or alcohol; and

9 **4.D.** Rehabilitation services available.

10 **22.2 Department of Corrections Employees**

11 **22.1 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace**

12 **A.** All employees must report to work in a condition fit to perform their
13 assigned duties unimpaired by alcohol, marijuana or drugs.
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15 **22.2 B. Possession of Alcohol, Marijuana and Illegal Drugs**

16 **1.A.** The use or possession of alcohol, or marijuana by an employee is
17 prohibited in state vehicles, on agency premises, or other
18 governmental or private worksites where employees are assigned to
19 conduct official state business, except when the premises are
20 considered residences.

21 **2.B.** The unlawful use, possession, delivery, dispensation, distribution,
22 manufacture or sale of drugs in state vehicles, on agency premises
23 or on official business is prohibited.

24 **22.3 C. Notification of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications**

25 Employees taking physician-prescribed or over-the-counter medications, if there is
26 a substantial likelihood that such medication will affect job safety, must notify their

1 supervisor or other designated official of the fact that they are taking a medication
2 and the side effects of the medication.

3 **22.4 D. Drug and Alcohol Testing**

4 **1.A.** Employees required to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
5 or to be licensed by the United States Coast Guard, are subject to pre-
6 employment, post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion testing in
7 accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation rules, Coast Guard
8 Regulations (46 CFR Part 16) or the Federal Omnibus Transportation
9 Employee Testing Act of 1991. The testing shall be conducted in
10 accordance with agency policy, and subject to the provisions of this Article.

11 **2.B.** In addition, employees who perform other safety-sensitive functions
12 are subject to pre-employment, post-accident, post-firearm shooting
13 incidents, and reasonable suspicion testing, conducted according to agency
14 policy. A blood test will be administered for post-shooting testing.

15 For purposes of this Article, employees who perform other safety-sensitive
16 functions are those employees eligible to be issued firearms (Community
17 Corrections Officers, Community Corrections Specialists and Corrections
18 Officers) and those licensed health care professionals who administer or
19 dispense medications as a part of their job duties.

20 **3.C.** Post-accident drug and alcohol testing may be conducted when a
21 work-related incident has occurred involving death, serious bodily injury or
22 significant property/environmental damage, or the potential for death,
23 serious injury, or significant property/environmental damage, and when the
24 employee's action(s) or inaction(s) either contributed to the incident or
25 cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor.

26 **~~22.5—Voluntary Request for Assistance~~**

27 ~~A.—An employee who requests assistance for a drug or alcohol problem~~
28 ~~will be afforded an opportunity to seek assistance from the Employee~~
29 ~~Assistance Program or other Agency recognized assistance program. If the~~
30 ~~assistance is requested prior to the employee providing a sample pursuant~~

1 ~~to testing, the employee will not be subject to discharge, unless other~~
2 ~~circumstances warrant such action.~~

3 ~~B. — Assessment and Treatment~~

4 ~~The employee will be relieved from duty and placed on sick leave, vacation~~
5 ~~leave, or leave without pay pending completion of any initial chemical~~
6 ~~dependency assessment and successful completion of any in-patient~~
7 ~~chemical dependency rehabilitation program certified by the Department of~~
8 ~~Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery~~
9 ~~(DBHR). If the assessment results in a recommendation for an out-patient~~
10 ~~treatment program, the employee will enter a return to work agreement~~
11 ~~before being allowed to return to work. An employee will be discharged if~~
12 ~~he/she refuses to participate in or successfully complete any DBHR certified~~
13 ~~program.~~

14 ~~C. — Return to Work~~

15 ~~Upon return to work after entering an out-patient program or successfully~~
16 ~~completing an in-patient rehabilitation program, the employee will be~~
17 ~~subject to random testing for a period of one (1) year. If the employee tests~~
18 ~~positive for drugs/alcohol during this period he/she will be discharged.~~

19 ~~D. — Release of Information~~

20 ~~Employees participating in such treatment will agree to provide the~~
21 ~~Employer with a release of medical information sufficient to ensure the~~
22 ~~employee's compliance with the requirements of the rehabilitation program.~~

23 **22.6 F. Reasonable Suspicion Testing – All Employees**

24 **1.A. Standards**

25 Reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol, marijuana or controlled
26 substances may be directed by the Employer for any employee when there
27 is reason to suspect that alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance usage
28 may be adversely affecting the employee's job performance or that the
29 employee may present a danger to the physical safety of the employee or
30 another.

1 2.B. Specific Objective Grounds

2 Specific objective grounds must be stated in writing that support the
3 reasonable suspicion. Examples of specific objective grounds may include,
4 but are not limited to:

- 5 1. Physical symptoms consistent with alcohol, marijuana, or controlled
6 substance use;
- 7 2. Evidence or observation of alcohol, marijuana, or controlled
8 substance use, possession, sale, or delivery; or
- 9 3. The occurrence of an accident(s) where a trained manager, or
10 supervisor suspects alcohol, marijuana, or controlled substance use
11 may have been a factor.

12 3.C. Referral

13 Referral for testing will be made on the basis of specific objective grounds
14 documented by a manager or supervisor who has attended the training on
15 detecting the signs/symptoms of being affected by controlled substances,
16 marijuana, and/or alcohol. The appointing authority or designee must
17 approve the testing.

18 4.D. Testing

19 When reasonable suspicion exists, employees must submit to alcohol,
20 marijuana, and/or controlled substance testing when required by the
21 Employer. A refusal to test is considered the same as a positive test. When
22 an employee is referred for testing, he or she will be removed immediately
23 from duty and transported to the collection site. The cost of reasonable
24 suspicion testing, including the employee's salary will be paid by the
25 Employer.

26 5.E. Testing Procedures

27 Testing will be conducted by an outside certified agency in such a way to
28 ensure maximum accuracy and reliability by using the techniques, chain of
29 custody procedures, equipment and laboratory facilities, which have been
30 approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. All

1 employees notified of a positive controlled substance, marijuana, and/or
2 alcohol test result may request an independent test of their split sample at
3 the employee's expense. If the test result is negative, the Employer will
4 reimburse the employee for the cost of the split sample test.

5 6.F. Positive Test Result

6 A positive test result will be defined as any result qualifying as legally
7 intoxicated under Department of Transportation standards. Except as
8 provided in Article 22.5, an employee who has a positive alcohol,
9 marijuana, and/or controlled substance test may be subject to disciplinary
10 action, up to and including dismissal.

11 22.7 G. Training

12 Training will be made available to managers, supervisors, and Union Stewards. The
13 training will include:

14 1.A. The elements of the Employer's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
15 Program;

16 2.B. The effects of drugs and alcohol in the workplace;

17 3.C. Behavioral symptoms of being affected by controlled substances,
18 marijuana, and/or alcohol; and

19 4.D. Rehabilitation services available.

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21 22.3 All Employees - Voluntary Request for Assistance

22 A. An employee who requests assistance for a drug or alcohol problem
23 will be afforded an opportunity to seek assistance from the Employee
24 Assistance Program or other Agency-recognized assistance program. If the
25 assistance is requested prior to the employee providing a sample pursuant
26 to testing, the employee will not be subject to discharge, unless other
27 circumstances warrant such action.

28 B. Assessment and Treatment

29 The employee will be relieved from duty and placed on sick leave, vacation
30 leave, or leave without pay pending completion of any initial chemical

1 dependency assessment and successful completion of any in-patient
2 chemical dependency rehabilitation program certified by the Department of
3 Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
4 (DBHR). If the assessment results in a recommendation for an out-patient
5 treatment program, the employee will enter a return to work agreement
6 before being allowed to return to work. An employee will be discharged if
7 he/she refuses to participate in or successfully complete any DBHR certified
8 program.

9 C. Return to Work


10 Upon return to work after entering an out-patient program or successfully
11 completing an in-patient rehabilitation program, the employee will be
12 subject to random testing for a period of one (1) year. If the employee tests
13 positive for drugs/alcohol during this period he/she will be discharged.

14 D. Release of Information

15 Employees participating in such treatment will agree to provide the
16 Employer with a release of medical information sufficient to ensure the
17 employee's compliance with the requirements of the rehabilitation program.

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ARTICLE 23

TRAVEL

(Current Contract language)

23.1 Employees required to travel in order to perform their duties will be reimbursed for any authorized travel expenses (e.g., mileage and/or per diem), in accordance with the regulations established by the Office of Financial Management and agency policy.

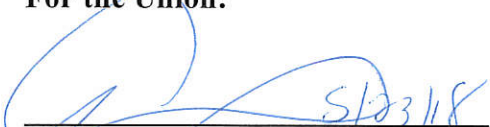
23.2 During the course of conducting official state business, if an employee believes use of his or her personal vehicle may present a potential threat to the employee's safety, he or she will discuss appropriate alternatives with his or her supervisor.

23.3 An employee will not be reimbursed for mileage if he or she chooses to use his or her personal vehicle when a state vehicle is available unless approved in advance by their Appointing Authority or designee.

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1 **ARTICLE 25**

2 **COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION AND PARKING**

3 **25.1** The Employer will continue to encourage but not require employees covered by
4 this Agreement to use alternate means of transportation to commute to and from
5 work in order to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce the need
6 for parking.

7 **25.2** Agencies will provide commute trip reduction incentives consistent with agency
8 policies and within available resources.

9 **25.3** During the term of this Agreement, agency-administered parking rates charged to
10 employees who work at facilities located off the Capitol Campus will not be
11 increased from the facility parking rates in existence as of July 31, 2010.

12 **25.4** The Department of Enterprise Services will manage parking on the Capitol Campus
13 in accordance with [RCW 46.08.172](#).

14 **25.5 All Employees with ~~a~~King, Pierce or Snohomish County Duty Stations**
15 **~~A. In addition to all other provisions of Article 25, effective July 1, 2017, upon~~**
16 **~~request, a~~All benefit eligible bargaining unit employees assigned to an**
17 **official duty station in King, Pierce or Snohomish Counties **will receive a**
18 **card for travel on public transportation known as a “One Regional Card for**
19 **All”, otherwise known as an ORCA Card. Specifically travel via the**
20 **Washington State Ferry system would be excluded, ~~with the maximum~~**
21 **~~amount expended per person of four hundred and eighty two dollars~~**
22 **~~(\$482.00) per year.~~****

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B. All benefit eligible bargaining unit employees assigned to an official duty station in King, Pierce or Snohomish Counties that participate in a Van Pool through the ORCA program will be subsidized fifty (50) dollars of the per monthly cost.

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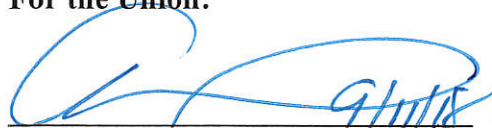
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ARTICLE 26

HOUSING

(Current Contract Language)

26.1 The Employer will continue to follow agency policies and practices regarding Employer-provided housing.

26.2 Parks and Recreation Commission

A. Employees housed on-site will be allowed to live in a residence in another park in accordance with agency policy.

B. Employees will have the option to accept employer provided housing or maintain a personal residence.

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1 B. Department of Social and Health Services

2 An employee who is being interviewed as part of an administrative
3 investigation will be notified in writing prior to the interview if the
4 investigator would like to audio record the interview. The written
5 notification will contain a consent form that the employee will bring to the
6 interview. If an employee does not consent to the recording, the investigator
7 will not discuss the issue of audio recording with the employee. Interviews
8 will be conducted in a professional manner and investigative methods will
9 be consistent with law. No threats or promises will be made to induce an
10 answer.

11 C. The role of the union representative in regard to Employer-initiated
12 investigations is to provide assistance and counsel to the employee and not
13 interfere with the Employer's right to conduct the investigation. Every
14 effort will be made to cooperate in the investigation. The Union
15 representative may call for a recess during the interview to consult with the
16 employee for representational purposes.

17 D. Employees who are the subject of an investigatory interview will be
18 informed of the general nature of the allegation(s) before the employee is
19 asked to respond to questions concerning the allegation(s).

20 E. If an investigator requests that an employee sign a statement, the employee
21 may review the statement and submit corrections, if any. The employee will
22 sign the statement to acknowledge its accuracy when no corrections are
23 necessary or when the investigator revises the statement to accept the
24 employee's corrections.

25 F. In accordance with Subsection 31.6 A, adverse material or information
26 related to alleged misconduct that is determined to be false and all such
27 information in situations where the employee has been fully exonerated of
28 wrongdoing will be removed from the employee's personnel file.

1 **27.6 Alternative Assignments**

2 An employee placed on an alternate assignment during an investigation will be
3 informed of the general reason(s) for the alternative assignment, unless it would
4 compromise the integrity of the investigation, and will not be prohibited from
5 contacting his or her union steward unless there is a conflict of interest, in which
6 case the employee may contact another union steward. This does not preclude the
7 Employer from restricting an employee's access to agency premises. Upon
8 completion of the investigation process(es), the employee will be notified.

9 **27.7 Pre-Disciplinary Meetings**

10 Prior to imposing discipline, except oral or written reprimands, the Employer will
11 inform the employee and the Union staff representative in writing of the reasons
12 for the contemplated discipline, an explanation of the evidence, copies of written
13 documents relied upon to take the action and the opportunity to view other
14 evidence, if any. This information will be sent to the Union on the same day it is
15 provided to the employee. The employee will be provided an opportunity to respond
16 either at a meeting scheduled by the Employer, or in writing if the employee prefers.
17 A pre-disciplinary meeting with the Employer will be considered time worked.
18 Excluding oral and written reprimands, the Union will be provided copies of
19 disciplinary actions.

20 **27.8** The Employer will provide an employee with fifteen (15) calendar days' written
21 notice prior to the effective date of a reduction in pay.

22 **27.9** The Employer has the authority to impose discipline, which is then subject to the
23 grievance procedure set forth in Article 29, Grievance Procedure. Oral reprimands,
24 however, may be processed only through the agency head step of the grievance
25 procedure.

26 **27.10 Department of Corrections**

27 An employee will be allowed to view grievances filed by an offender, which allege
28 staff misconduct pertaining to the employee. If the employee requests, the

1 employee will be notified of the eventual outcome of the alleged staff misconduct
2 grievance.

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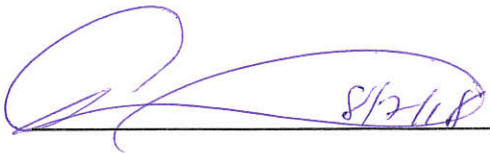
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1 **28.5** Employees will notify the Employer prior to engaging in any off-duty employment.
2 Employees may engage in off-duty employment that will not interfere with the
3 performance of their duties or result in a conflict of interest.
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1 **ARTICLE 29**

2 **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

3 **29.1** The Union and the Employer agree that it is in the best interest of all parties to
4 resolve disputes at the earliest opportunity and at the lowest level. The Union and
5 the Employer encourage problem resolution between employees and management
6 and are committed to assisting in resolution of disputes as soon as possible. In the
7 event a dispute is not resolved in an informal manner, this Article provides a formal
8 process for problem resolution.

9 **29.2 Terms and Requirements**

10 A. Grievance Definition

11 A grievance is an allegation by an employee or a group of employees that
12 there has been a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of this
13 Agreement, which occurred during the term of this Agreement. The term
14 “grievant” as used in this Article includes the term “grievants.”

15 B. Filing a Grievance

16 Grievances may be filed in accordance with [Section 29.3](#) by the Union on
17 behalf of an employee or on behalf of a group of employees. If the Union
18 does so, it will set forth the name of the employee or the names of the group
19 of employees. The Union may add an employee to a group grievance who
20 was not included in the original filing if it does so prior to the Step 3 meeting
21 and if the employee is similarly situated to the other grievants. If the Union
22 makes an information request in order to identify additional employees to
23 include in a group grievance and the Employer is unable to respond before
24 the Step 3 meeting, the meeting will be postponed.

25 C. Computation of Time

26 The time limits in this Article must be strictly adhered to unless mutually
27 modified in writing. Days are calendar days, and will be counted by

1 excluding the first day and including the last day of timelines. When the last
2 day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the last day will be the next day
3 which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Transmittal of grievances,
4 appeals and responses will be in writing, and timelines will apply to the date
5 of receipt, not the date of postmarking.

6 D. Failure to Meet Timelines

7 Failure by the Union to comply with the timelines will result in the
8 automatic withdrawal of the grievance. Failure by the Employer to comply
9 with the timelines will entitle the Union to move the grievance to the next
10 step of the procedure.

11 E. Contents

12 The written grievance must include the following information:

- 13 1. A statement of the pertinent facts surrounding the nature of the
14 grievance;
- 15 2. The date upon which the incident occurred;
- 16 3. The specific article and section of the Agreement violated;
- 17 4. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance and the
18 individuals involved in the attempted resolution;
- 19 5. The specific remedy requested;
- 20 6. The name of the grievant; and
- 21 7. The name and signature of the Union representative.

22 Failure by the Union to provide a copy of a grievance or the request for the
23 next step with the Human Resources Office or to describe the steps taken to

1 informally resolve the grievance at the time of filing will not be the basis
2 for invalidating the grievance.

3 F. Modifications

4 No newly alleged violations and/or remedies may be made after the initial
5 written grievance is filed, except by written mutual agreement.

6 G. Resolution

7 If the Employer provides the requested remedy or a mutually agreed-upon
8 alternative, the grievance will be considered resolved and may not be moved
9 to the next step.

10 H. Withdrawal

11 A grievance may be withdrawn at any time.

12 I. Resubmission

13 If terminated, resolved or withdrawn, a grievance cannot be resubmitted.

14 J. Pay

15 Release time will be provided to grievants and union stewards in accordance
16 with [Article 36](#), Employee Rights and [Article 39](#), Union Activities.

17 K. Group Grievances

18 No more than five (5) grievants and ~~one (1)~~ two (2) union stewards and/or
19 staff representative, unless agreed otherwise, will be permitted to attend a
20 single grievance meeting.

21 L. Consolidation

22 The Employer may consolidate grievances arising out of the same set of
23 facts.

24 M. Bypass

1 Any of the steps in this procedure may be bypassed with mutual written
2 consent of the parties involved at the time the bypass is sought.

3 N. Discipline

4 Disciplinary grievances will be initiated at the level at which the disputed
5 action was taken.

6 O. Grievance Files

7 Written grievances and responses will be maintained separately from the
8 personnel files of the employees.

9 P. Alternative Resolution Methods

10 Any time during the grievance process, by mutual consent, the parties may
11 use alternative methods to resolve a non-disciplinary grievance. If the
12 parties agree to use alternative methods, the time frames in this Article are
13 suspended. If the selected alternative method does not result in a resolution,
14 the Union may return to the grievance process and the time frames resume.
15 Any expenses and fees of alternative methods will be shared equally by the
16 parties.

17 Q. Steward Mentoring

18 With the agreement of the Employer, additional Union stewards will be
19 allowed to observe a Management scheduled grievance meeting for the
20 purpose of mentoring and training. The Employer will approve
21 compensatory time, exchange time, vacation leave or leave without pay for
22 the Union steward to attend the meeting.

23 **29.3 Filing and Processing**

24 A. Filing

25 1. A non-disciplinary grievance or a grievance related to an oral or
26 written reprimand must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of the
27 occurrence giving rise to the grievance or the date the grievant knew

1 or could reasonably have known of the occurrence. All other
2 disciplinary grievances, disability separation grievances or
3 grievances related to layoff must be filed within twenty-eight (28)
4 days of the effective date of the discipline, disability separation or
5 layoff. This twenty-eight (28) day period will be used to attempt to
6 informally resolve the dispute.

7 2. The preferred method of filing a written grievance is by email. The
8 parties acknowledge in some instances access to email is an issue,
9 therefore, grievances may be filed via hard copy.

10 B. Processing

11 ~~Step 1 – is no longer used~~

12 ~~Step 2 1 – Responsible Supervisor, Manager Appointing Authority or~~
13 ~~Designee:~~

14 If the issue is not resolved informally, the Union may present a written
15 grievance to the ~~employee's supervisor~~Appointing Authority or designee
16 with a copy to the Human Resources Office within the twenty-eight (28)
17 day period described above. The ~~Employer will designate a responsible~~
18 ~~supervisor, manager or designee who~~Appointing Authority or Designee will
19 meet or confer by telephone with a union steward and/or staff representative
20 and the grievant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the grievance, and will
21 respond in writing to the Union within fifteen (15) days after the meeting.

22 ~~{Note: The agencies listed in Appendix C will bypass Step 1.}~~

23 ~~Step 2—Appointing Authority or Designee:~~

24 ~~1. — For Agencies not Listed in Appendix C:~~

25 ~~If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the Union may request a~~
26 ~~Step 2 meeting by filing it with the Appointing Authority or~~
27 ~~designee, with a copy to the Human Resources Office, within fifteen~~
28 ~~(15) days of the Union's receipt of the Step 1 decision.~~

1 ~~2. For Agencies Listed in Appendix C:~~

2 ~~If the issue is not resolved informally, the Union may present a~~
3 ~~written grievance to the employee's Appointing Authority or~~
4 ~~designee, with a copy to the Human Resources Office within~~
5 ~~twenty-eight (28) days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance~~
6 ~~or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the~~
7 ~~occurrence. This twenty-eight (28) day period will be used to~~
8 ~~attempt to informally resolve the dispute.~~

9 ~~In either case, the Appointing Authority or designee will meet or confer by~~
10 ~~telephone with a union steward and/or staff representative and the grievant~~
11 ~~within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the appeal, and will respond in writing~~
12 ~~to the Union within fifteen (15) days after the meeting.~~

13 **Step 3 – Agency Head or Designee:**

14 Except for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS),
15 Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Corrections
16 (DOC), if the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the Union may move it to
17 Step 3 by filing it with the agency head, with a copy to the Human Resources
18 Office, within fifteen (15) days of the Union's receipt of the Step 2 decision.

19 For the DSHS, DOT and DOC, if the grievance is not resolved at Step 2 the
20 Union may move it to Step 3 by filing it with the agency's Labor Relations
21 Office in Olympia, with a copy to the Human Resources Office, within
22 fifteen (15) days of the Union's receipt of the Step 2 decision.

23 The agency head or designee will meet or confer by telephone with a union
24 steward and/or staff representative and the grievant within fifteen (15) days
25 of receipt of the appeal, and will respond in writing to the Union within
26 fifteen (15) days after the meeting.

1 **[Note: If the agency head is the only Appointing Authority for the**
2 **agency, Step 3 will be bypassed.]**

3 **Step 4 – Mediation or Pre-Arbitration Review Meetings:**

4 1. Disciplinary and Disability Separation Grievances (Excluding
5 Written Reprimands)

6 If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, the Union may choose to
7 file a request for mediation with the Public Employment Relations
8 Commission (PERC) in accordance with [WAC 391-55-020](#), with a
9 copy to the OFM State Human Resources Labor Relations Section
10 (LRS) at labor.relations@ofm.wa.gov and the agency's Human
11 Resources Office within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Step 3
12 decision.

13 2. Disciplinary and Disability Separation Grievances Not Moved to
14 Mediation and Non-Disciplinary Grievances (Including Written
15 Reprimands)

16 If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, the Union may request a
17 pre-arbitration review meeting by filing the written grievance
18 including a copy of all previous responses and supporting
19 documentation with the LRS at labor.relations@ofm.wa.gov with a
20 copy to the agency's Human Resource Office within thirty (30) days
21 of the Union's receipt of the Step 3 decision. Within fifteen (15)
22 days of the receipt of all the required information, the LRS will
23 discuss with the Union:

24 a. If a pre-arbitration review meeting will be scheduled with
25 the LRS, an agency representative, and the Union's staff
26 representative to review and attempt to settle the dispute.

1 b. If the parties are unable to reach agreement to conduct a
2 meeting, the LRS will notify the Union in writing that no
3 pre-arbitration review meeting will be scheduled.

4 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request, a pre-arbitration
5 review meeting will be scheduled. The meeting will be conducted at
6 a mutually agreeable time.

7 The proceedings of any mediation or pre-arbitration review meeting
8 will not be reported or recorded in any manner, except for
9 agreements that may be reached by the parties during the course of
10 the mediation or meeting. Statements made by or to the mediator, or
11 by or to any party or other participant in the mediation or meeting,
12 may not later be introduced as evidence, may not be made known to
13 an arbitrator or hearings examiner at a hearing, or may not be
14 construed for any purpose as an admission against interest, unless
15 they are independently admissible.

16 **Step 5 – Arbitration:**

17 If the grievance is not resolved at Step 4, or the LRS notifies the Union in
18 writing that no pre-arbitration review meeting will be scheduled, the Union
19 may file a request for arbitration. The demand to arbitrate the dispute must
20 be filed with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) within thirty (30)
21 days of the mediation session, pre-arbitration review meeting or receipt of
22 the notice no pre-arbitration review meeting will be scheduled.

23 C. Selecting an Arbitrator

24 The parties will select an arbitrator by mutual agreement or by alternately
25 striking names supplied by the AAA, and will follow the Labor Arbitration
26 Rules of the AAA unless they agree otherwise in writing.

27 D. Authority of the Arbitrator

- 1 1. The arbitrator will:
- 2 a. Have no authority to rule contrary to, add to, subtract from,
3 or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement;
- 4 b. Be limited in his or her decision to the grievance issue(s) set
5 forth in the original written grievance unless the parties
6 agree to modify it;
- 7 c. Not make any award that provides an employee with
8 compensation greater than would have resulted had there
9 been no violation of this Agreement;
- 10 d. Not have the authority to order the Employer to modify his
11 or her staffing levels or to direct staff to work overtime.
- 12 2. The arbitrator will hear arguments on and decide issues of
13 arbitrability before the first day of arbitration at a time convenient
14 for the parties, through written briefs, immediately prior to hearing
15 the case on its merits, or as part of the entire hearing and decision-
16 making process. If the issue of arbitrability is argued prior to the first
17 day of arbitration, it may be argued in writing or by telephone, at the
18 discretion of the arbitrator. Although the decision may be made
19 orally, it will be put in writing and provided to the parties.
- 20 3. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the
21 Union, the Employer and the grievant.

22 E. Arbitration Costs

- 23 1. The expenses and fees of the arbitrator, and the cost (if any) of the
24 hearing room, will be shared equally by the parties.

- 1 2. If the arbitration hearing is postponed or cancelled because of one
2 party, that party will bear the cost of the postponement or
3 cancellation. The costs of any mutually agreed upon postponements
4 or cancellations will be shared equally by the parties.
- 5 3. If either party desires a record of the arbitration, a court reporter may
6 be used. If that party purchases a transcript, a copy will be provided
7 to the arbitrator free of charge. If the other party desires a copy of
8 the transcript, it will pay for half of the costs of the fee for the court
9 reporter, the original transcript and a copy.
- 10 4. Each party is responsible for the costs of its staff representatives,
11 attorneys, and all other costs related to the development and
12 presentation of their case. Every effort will be made to avoid the
13 presentation of repetitive witnesses. The Union is responsible for
14 paying any travel or per diem expenses for its witnesses, the grievant
15 and the union steward.
- 16 5. If, after the arbitrator issues his or her award, either party files a
17 motion with the arbitrator for reconsideration, the moving party will
18 bear the expenses and fees of the arbitrator.

19 **29.4 Successor Clause**

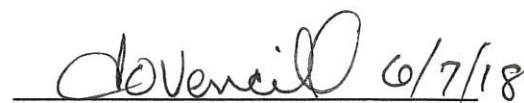
20 Grievances filed during the term of this ~~2017—2019~~ Agreement will be processed
21 to completion in accordance with the provisions during the same term of this ~~2017~~
22 ~~—2019~~ Agreement.

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1 **ARTICLE 30**

2 **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

3 (Current Contract Language)

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5 **30.1** The Employee Assistance Program within the Department of Enterprise Services is
6 responsible for the employee assistance program established in accordance with
7 RCW 41.04.700 through 730. Individual employees' participation in the Employee
8 Assistance Program and all individually identifiable information gathered in the
9 process of conducting the program will be held in strict confidence; except that the
10 Employer may be provided with the following information about employees
11 referred by the Employer due to poor job performance:

- 12 A. Whether or not the referred employee made an appointment;
13 B. The date and time the employee arrived and departed;
14 C. Whether the employee agreed to follow the advice of counselors; and
15 D. Whether further appointments were scheduled.

16 **30.2** Participation or nonparticipation by any employee in the Employee Assistance
17 Program will not be a factor in any decision affecting an employee's job security,
18 promotional opportunities, disciplinary action, or other employment rights.
19 However, nothing relieves employees from the responsibility of performing their
20 jobs in an acceptable manner.

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1 **31.5 Supervisory Files**

2 Supervisory files will be purged of the previous year's job performance information
3 following completion of the annual performance evaluation, unless circumstances
4 warrant otherwise. Upon request by the employee, the supervisor will share why
5 the materials were not purged. The confidentiality and security of supervisory files
6 will be maintained to the extent allowed or required by law.

7 **31.6 Removal of Documents**

8 A. Adverse material or information related to alleged misconduct that is
9 determined to be false and all such information in situations where the
10 employee has been fully exonerated of wrongdoing will be removed from
11 employee files. However, the Employer may retain this information in a
12 legal defense file and it will only be used or released when required by a
13 regulatory agency (acting in their regulatory capacity), in the defense of an
14 appeal or legal action, or as otherwise required by law.

15 B. Written reprimands will be removed from an employee's personnel file after
16 three (3) years if:

- 17 1. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and
18 2. There has been no subsequent discipline; and
19 3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.

20 C. Records of disciplinary actions involving reductions-in-pay, suspensions or
21 demotions, and written reprimands not removed after three (3) years will be
22 removed after five (5) years if:

- 23 1. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and
24 2. There has been no subsequent discipline; and
25 3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.

26 D. Performance evaluations will be removed from an employee's personnel
27 file after five (5) years if:

- 1 1. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and/or
- 2 2. There have been no documented performance deficiencies in a
- 3 subsequent performance evaluation; and
- 4 3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.
- 5 E. Other material or information of an adverse nature will be removed from an
- 6 employee's personnel file after three (3) years if:
- 7 1. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and/or
- 8 2. There have been no documented performance deficiencies in a
- 9 subsequent performance evaluation; and
- 10 3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.
- 11 F. Nothing in this Section will prevent the Employer from agreeing to an
- 12 earlier removal date, unless to do so would violate RCW 41.06.450.
- 13 G. Once a discipline, performance evaluation or other document has been
- 14 removed, or is eligible to be removed, from the personnel file as outlined in
- 15 Article 31.6 B, C, D or E above, the information removed will not be used
- 16 in subsequent disciplinary actions, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

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1 **ARTICLE 32**

2 **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AND DISABILITY SEPARATION**

3 (Current Contract Language)

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5 **32.1 Reasonable Accommodation**

6 A. The Employer and the Union will comply with all relevant federal and state
7 laws, regulations and executive orders providing reasonable
8 accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities.

9 B. An employee who believes that he or she suffers a disability and requires a
10 reasonable accommodation to perform the essential functions of his or her
11 position may request such an accommodation by submitting a request to the
12 Employer. The Employer will acknowledge receipt of the request for
13 reasonable accommodation or disability separation. The Employer will
14 begin processing a reasonable accommodation request within thirty (30)
15 calendar days.

16 C. Employees requesting accommodation must cooperate with the Employer
17 in discussing the need for and possible form of any accommodation. The
18 Employer may require supporting medical documentation and may require
19 the employee to obtain a second medical opinion from a physician or
20 licensed mental health professional of the agency's choice and at Employer
21 expense. Evidence may be requested from the physician or licensed mental
22 health professional regarding the employee's limitations. The Employer
23 will conduct a diligent review and search for possible accommodations
24 within the agency. Medical information disclosed to the Employer will be
25 kept confidential. Upon request, an employee will be provided a copy of his
26 or her reasonable accommodation information that is maintained by the
27 Employer.

1 D. The Employer will determine whether an employee is eligible for a
2 reasonable accommodation and the final form of any accommodation to be
3 provided. The Employer will attempt to accommodate the employee in his
4 or her current position prior to looking at accommodations in alternative
5 vacant positions.

6 **32.2 Disability Separation**

7 A. An employee with permanent status may be separated from service when
8 the agency determines that the employee is unable to perform the essential
9 functions of the employee's position due to a mental, sensory or physical
10 disability, which cannot be reasonably accommodated. Determinations of
11 disability may be made by the agency based on an employee's written
12 request for disability separation or after obtaining a written statement from
13 a physician or licensed mental health professional.

14 B. The agency may separate an employee after providing at least fourteen (14)
15 calendar days' written notice when the agency has medical documentation
16 of the employee's disability and has determined that the employee cannot
17 be reasonably accommodated in any available position. The agency may
18 immediately separate an employee that requests separation due to disability.

19 C. An employee separated due to disability will be placed in the General
20 Government Transition Pool Program if he or she submits a written request
21 to the agency's Human Resources Office for reemployment in accordance
22 with WAC 357-46-090 through -105 and has met the reemployment
23 requirements of WAC 357-19-475.

24 D. Disability separation is not a disciplinary action. An employee who has been
25 separated because of a disability may grieve his or her disability separation
26 in accordance with Article 29, Grievance Procedure, unless the separation
27 was at the employee's request.

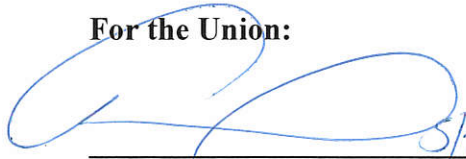
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1 **ARTICLE 33**

2 **SENIORITY**

3 **33.1 Definition**

4 A. Seniority for full-time employees will be defined as the employee's length
5 of unbroken state service. Seniority for part-time or on-call employees will
6 be based on actual hours worked. Actual hours worked includes all overtime
7 hours and all paid holiday and leave hours, excluding compensatory time.
8 For purposes of calculating actual hours worked for part-time and on-call
9 employees, forty (40) hours will equal seven (7) days of seniority. Leave
10 without pay of fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days or less will not affect
11 an employee's seniority. When an employee is on leave without pay for
12 more than fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days, the employee's seniority
13 will not be affected when the leave without pay is taken for:

- 14 1. Military leave or United States Public Health Service;
- 15 2. Compensable work-related injury or illness leave;
- 16 3. Governmental service leave and leave to enter the Peace Corps, not
17 to exceed two (2) years and three (3) months;
- 18 4. Educational leave, contingent upon successful completion of the
19 coursework;
- 20 5. Leave for service as a volunteer with humanitarian and disaster
21 relief organizations;
- 22 ~~5.6.~~ Reducing the effects of layoff, and/or
- 23 ~~6.7.~~ Leave for Union employment in accordance with Sections 39.8 and
24 39.10, of Article 39, Union Activities.

1 When an employee is on leave without pay for more than fifteen (15)
2 consecutive calendar days and the absence is not due to one of the reasons
3 listed above, the employee's seniority date will be moved forward in an
4 amount equal to the duration of the leave without pay. Time spent on a
5 temporary layoff or when an employee's work hours are reduced in
6 accordance with Section 34.6, of Article 34, Layoff and Recall, will not be
7 deducted from the calculation of seniority. Employees who are separated
8 from state service due to layoff and are reemployed within three (3) years
9 of their separation date will not be considered to have a break in service.

10 B. For employees whose positions are assigned to an academic and/or
11 vocational education program or facility that follows the customary public
12 school practice of a less than twelve (12) month school year, the Employer
13 will place the employee on leave without pay for all or part of the time the
14 program or facility is closed for customary school vacations and will not
15 adjust the employee's seniority date.

16 C. For the purposes of layoffs and recall, a maximum of five (5) years' credit
17 will be added to the seniority of permanent employees who are veterans or
18 to their surviving spouse or surviving state registered domestic partner as
19 defined by RCWs 26.60.020 and 26.60.030, as provided in RCW 41.06.133.

20 **33.2 Ties**

21 If two (2) or more employees have the same unbroken state service date, ties will
22 be broken in the following order:

- 23 A. Longest continuous time within their current job classification,
24 B. Longest continuous time with the agency, and
25 C. By lot.

1 **33.3 Seniority List**

2 The Employer will prepare and post a seniority list. The list will be updated
3 annually and will contain each permanent and non-permanent employee's name,
4 job classification and seniority date. Employees will have fourteen (14) calendar
5 days in which to appeal their seniority date to their Human Resources Office, after
6 which time the date will be presumed correct. A copy of the seniority list will be
7 provided to the Union at the time of posting.

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1 **34.4 Voluntary Layoff, Leave without Pay or Reduction in Hours**

2 A. Appointing authorities may allow an employee to volunteer to be laid off,
3 take leave without pay or reduce his or her hours of work in order to reduce
4 layoffs. If it is necessary to limit the number of employees in an agency on
5 unpaid leave at the same time, the Appointing Authority will determine who
6 will be granted a leave without pay and/or reduction in hours based upon
7 staffing needs.

8 B. Appointing authorities will allow an employee in the same job classification
9 and location where layoffs will occur to volunteer to be laid off provided
10 that the employee is in a position requiring the same skills and abilities, as
11 defined in [Section 34.8](#), as a position subject to layoff. Any volunteer for
12 layoff shall have no formal or informal options. In those situations where
13 an employee has volunteered to be laid off, the Employer will designate the
14 separation of employment as a layoff for lack of work and/or lack of funds.

15 C. If the appointing authority accepts the employee's voluntary request for
16 layoff, the employee will submit a non-revocable letter stating they are
17 accepting a voluntary layoff from state service.

18 D. Employees who volunteer to be laid off may request to participate in the
19 General Government Transition Pool Program and/or have their names
20 placed on the layoff lists for the job classifications in which they held
21 permanent status, regardless of a break in service.

22 **34.5 Non-Permanent and Probationary Employees**

23 Employees with permanent status will not be separated from state service through
24 a layoff action without first being offered positions for which they have the skills
25 and abilities to perform within their current job classification within the layoff unit
26 currently held by non-permanent and probationary employees. Non-permanent
27 employees will be separated from employment before probationary employees.

1 **34.6 Temporary Reduction of Work Hours or Layoff – Employer Option**

2 A. The Employer may temporarily reduce the work hours of an employee to
3 no less than twenty (20) per week due to an unanticipated loss of funding,
4 revenue shortfall, lack of work, shortage of material or equipment, or other
5 unexpected or unusual reasons. Employees will normally receive notice of
6 seven (7) calendar days of a temporary reduction of work hours. The notice
7 will specify the nature and anticipated duration of the temporary reduction.

8 B. The Employer may temporarily layoff an employee for up to thirty (30)
9 calendar days due to an unanticipated loss of funding, revenue shortfall,
10 lack of work, shortage of material or equipment, or other unexpected or
11 unusual reasons. Employees will normally receive notice of seven (7)
12 calendar days of a temporary layoff. The notice will specify the nature and
13 anticipated duration of the temporary layoff.

14 C. An employee whose work hours are temporarily reduced or who is
15 temporarily laid off will not be entitled to:

- 16 1. Be paid any leave balance if the layoff was due to the lack of funds,
- 17 2. Bump to any other position, or
- 18 3. Be placed on the layoff list.

19 D. A temporary reduction of work hours or layoff being implemented as a
20 result of lack of work, shortage of material or equipment, or other
21 unexpected or unusual reason will be in accordance with seniority, as
22 defined in [Article 33](#), Seniority, among the group of employees with the
23 required skills and abilities as defined in [Section 34.8](#), in the job
24 classification at the location where the temporary reduction in hours or
25 layoff will occur.

1 E. A temporary reduction of work hours or layoff will not affect an employee's
2 holiday compensation, periodic increment date or length of review period,
3 and the employee will continue to accrue vacation and sick leave credit at
4 their normal rate.

5 **34.7 Layoff Units**

6 A. A layoff unit is defined as the geographical entity or administrative/
7 organizational unit in each agency used for determining available options
8 for employees who are being laid off.

9 B. The layoff unit(s) for each agency covered by this Agreement are described
10 in Appendix D, Layoff Units.

11 **34.8 Skills and Abilities**

12 Skills and abilities are documented criteria found in license/certification
13 requirements, federal and state requirements, position descriptions or, bona fide
14 occupational qualifications approved by the Human Rights Commission that have
15 been identified at least three (3) months prior to the layoff. In no case will the skills
16 and abilities required in layoff be more restrictive than those required when filling
17 positions.

18 **34.9 Formal Options**

19 A. Employees will be laid off in accordance with seniority, as defined in
20 [Article 33](#), Seniority, among the group of employees with the required skills
21 and abilities, as defined in [Section 34.8](#), above.

22 Employees being laid off will be provided the following options to
23 comparable positions within the layoff unit, in descending order, as follows:

24 1. A funded vacant position for which the employee has the skills and
25 abilities, within his or her current job classification.

1 2. A funded filled position held by the least senior employee for which
2 the employee has the skills and abilities, within his or her current
3 permanent job classification.

4 3. A funded vacant or filled position held by the least senior employee
5 for which the employee has the skills and abilities, at the same or
6 lower salary range as his or her current permanent position, within
7 a job classification in which the employee has held permanent status
8 or, at the employee's written request, to a lower classification within
9 his or her current job classification series even if the employee has
10 not held permanent status in the lower job classification.

11 Options will be provided in descending order of salary range and one (1)
12 progressively lower level at a time. Vacant positions will be offered prior to
13 filled positions. Part-time employees only have formal options to part-time
14 positions. Full-time employees only have formal options to full-time
15 positions.

16 B. For multi-employee layoffs, more than one (1) employee may be offered
17 the same funded, vacant or filled position. In this case, the most senior
18 employee with the skills and abilities who accepts the position will be
19 appointed. Appointments will be made in descending order of seniority of
20 employees with the skills and abilities of the position(s).

21 C. If a job classification in which an employee has previously held status has
22 been abolished or revised, a crosswalk to the class series will be used to
23 identify any layoff option(s). The employee must have the skills and
24 abilities of any identified position.

25 D. Employees who are laid off may request to have their name placed on the
26 layoff lists for the job classifications in which they have held permanent
27 status, regardless of a break in service.

1 E. If the Employer elects to implement all the stages of a layoff on a single
2 effective date, and an employee accepts his or her formal option and then
3 subsequently declines the option prior to the effective date of the layoff, the
4 Employer will amend the formal option of any employee who is affected by
5 this declination.

6 **34.10 Informal Options**

7 A. An employee being laid off may be offered a funded vacant position to job
8 classifications he or she has not held permanent status within his or her
9 layoff unit, provided the employee meets the skills and abilities required of
10 the position and it is at the same or lower salary range as the position in
11 which the employee currently holds permanent status.

12 B. An employee being laid off who has no formal option or his or her formal
13 option would cause a bump or an unreasonable commute, as defined in
14 Article 36.3, Duty Station, may be offered a funded vacant position to job
15 classifications he or she has held permanent status, provided the employee
16 meets the skills and abilities required of the position and it is at the same or
17 lower salary range as the position in which the employee currently holds
18 permanent status.

19 C. An employee may request an informal option to job classifications through
20 the agency's Human Resources Office within five (5) calendar days of
21 receipt of a written notice of a permanent layoff.

22 D. Part-time employees may be provided informal options to both part-time
23 and full-time positions and full-time employees may be provided informal
24 option to both part-time and full-time positions. The award or denial of an
25 informal option is not subject to the grievance procedure.

1 **34.11 Notification for the Union**

2 The Employer will notify the Union before implementing a layoff or a temporary
3 reduction of work hours. Upon request, the Employer will discuss impacts to the
4 bargaining unit with the Union. The discussion will not serve to delay the onset of
5 a layoff or a temporary reduction of work hours unless the Employer elects to do
6 so. The parties will continue to communicate through all phases of the layoff or the
7 temporary reduction of work hours to ensure continued compliance with the
8 Agreement.

9 **34.12 Notification to Employees With Permanent Status**

10 A. Except for temporary reduction in work hours and temporary layoffs as
11 provided in [Section 34.6](#), employees with permanent status will receive
12 written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective layoff
13 date. The notice will include the basis for the layoff and any options
14 available to the employee. The Union will be provided with a copy of the
15 notice on the same day it is provided to the employee.

16 B. Except for temporary reduction in work hours and temporary layoffs as
17 provided in [Section 34.6](#), if the Employer chooses to implement a layoff
18 action without providing fifteen (15) calendar days' notice, the employee
19 will be paid his or her salary for the days that he or she would have worked
20 had full notice been given.

21 C. Employees will be provided seven (7) calendar days to accept or decline, in
22 writing, any formal option provided to them. Except for cyclical or seasonal
23 employees, if the seventh (7th) calendar day does not fall on a regularly
24 scheduled work day for the employee, the next regularly scheduled work
25 day is considered the seventh (7th) day for purposes of accepting or
26 declining any option provided to them. This time period will run concurrent
27 with the fifteen (15) calendar days' notice provided by the Employer to the
28 employee.

1 D. The day that notification is given constitutes the first day of notice.

2 **34.13 Salary**

3 Employees appointed to a position as a result of a layoff action will have their salary
4 determined as follows:

5 A. Transfer or Bump

6 An employee who accepts a transfer or bumps to another position within his
7 or her current job classification will retain his or her current salary.

8 B. Voluntary Demotion in Lieu of Layoff and Bump to a Lower Position

9 An employee who bumps to another position with a lower salary range will
10 be paid an amount equal to his or her current salary, provided it is within
11 the salary range of the new position. In those cases where the employee's
12 current salary exceeds the maximum amount of the salary range for the new
13 position, the employee will be compensated at the maximum salary of the
14 new salary range.

15 C. Appointment from a Layoff List

16 1. Employees who are appointed from a layoff list to a position with
17 the same salary range as that of the position from which they were
18 laid off will be paid an amount equal to the salary they were
19 receiving at the time they were laid off, plus any across the board
20 adjustments, including salary survey adjustments and job
21 classification range adjustments, that occurred during the time they
22 were laid off.

23 2. Employees who are appointed from a layoff list to a position with a
24 lower salary range than the position from which they were laid off
25 will be paid an amount equal to the salary they were receiving at the
26 time they were laid off, provided it is within the salary range of the
27 new position. In those cases where the employee's prior salary

1 exceeds the maximum amount of the salary range for the new
2 position, the employee will be compensated at the maximum salary
3 of the new salary range.

4 **34.14 Transition Review Period**

5 A. The Employer may require an employee to complete a six (6) twelve (12)
6 month transition review period when the employee accepts a layoff option
7 to a job classification or future-equivalent job classification in which he or
8 she has:

- 9 1. Not held permanent status;
10 2. Been appointed from the General Government Transition Pool
11 Program; or
12 3. Been appointed from a layoff list.

13 The Employer may extend a transition review period for an individual as
14 long as the total period does not exceed twelve (12) months.

15 B. When the Employer requires an employee to complete a transition review
16 period, the employee will be provided with written notice.

17 C. ~~The Employer may reduce a transition review period to no less than six (6)~~
18 ~~months.~~ Employees will receive a permanent appointment to the position
19 upon successful completion of the transition review period.

20 D. The Employer may separate an employee or an employee may voluntarily
21 separate at any time during the transition review period. The Employer will
22 provide the employee seven (7) days written notice prior to the effective
23 date of the separation. However, if the Employer fails to provide seven (7)
24 days notice, the separation will stand and the employee will be entitled to
25 payment of salary for up to five (5) working days, which the employee

1 would have worked had notice been given. Under no circumstances will
2 notice deficiencies result in an employee gaining permanent status in the
3 position.

4 E. Upon separation, and at the employee's request, the employee's name will
5 be placed on or returned to the layoff list. The employee will remain on the
6 list until such time as his or her eligibility expires or he or she has been
7 rehired to a different position for which they have the skills and abilities.

8 F. An employee who is separated during his or her transition review period
9 may request a review of the separation by the Director or Secretary of the
10 agency or designee within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the effective
11 date of the separation. Separation during the transition review period will
12 not be subject to the grievance procedure in Article 29, Grievance
13 Procedure.

14 G. An employee may voluntarily separate a maximum of two (2) times as a
15 result of a single layoff action.

16 **34.15 Recall**

17 A. The Employer will maintain layoff lists for each job classification, which
18 will include geographic availability. Employees who are laid off or have
19 been notified that they are scheduled for layoff, may have their name placed
20 on the lists for the job classification from which they were laid off and will
21 indicate the geographic areas in which they are willing to accept
22 employment. Additionally, employees may request to have their name
23 placed on layoff lists for other job classifications in which they have held
24 permanent status regardless of a break in service. An employee will remain
25 on the layoff lists for three (3) years from the effective date of the qualifying
26 action and may request to be placed on the layoff lists for which they qualify
27 at any time within the three (3) year period.

1 B. When a vacancy occurs within an agency and when there are names on the
2 layoff list for that job classification, the Employer will fill the position in
3 accordance with [Article 4](#), Hiring and Appointments. An employee will be
4 removed from the layoff list if he or she is certified from the list and waives
5 the appointment to a position for that job classification two (2) times. In
6 addition, an employee's name will be removed from all layoff lists upon
7 retirement, resignation or dismissal.

8 C. Employees who have taken a demotion in lieu of layoff may also request to
9 have their name placed on the agency's internal layoff list for the job
10 classification they held permanent status in prior to the demotion.

11 **34.16 General Government Transition Pool Program**

12 Employees who are notified that they are at risk of being laid off or have been laid
13 off may request their names be placed into the General Government Transition Pool
14 Program. When a vacancy occurs within an agency, the Employer will consider
15 employees in the General Government Transition Pool Program in accordance with
16 [Article 4](#), Hiring and Appointments.

17 **34.17 Project Employment**

18 A. Less Than Five Years of Continuous Project Employment

19 Project employees who have been in project status for less than five (5)
20 consecutive years have layoff rights within their project.

21 B. Five Years or Greater of Continuous Project Employment

22 1. Project employees who were hired into a project position prior to
23 July 1, 2013 and who have been in project status for five (5)
24 consecutive years or greater will have layoff rights within the
25 agency as outlined in [Sections 34.9](#), [34.10](#) and Appendix D if they
26 have no layoff options in their project.

1 2. Project employees who were hired into a project position through
2 the competitive process on or after July 1, 2013 and who have been
3 in project status for five (5) consecutive years or greater will have
4 layoff rights within the agency as outlined in Sections 34.9, 34.10
5 and Appendix D if they have no layoff options in their project.

6 3. Project employees who were not hired into a project position
7 through the competitive process on or after July 1, 2013 will have
8 layoff rights in accordance with Subsection D below.

9 C. Permanent status employees who left regular classified positions to accept
10 project employment without a break in service have layoff rights within the
11 agency in which they held permanent status. The employees' return rights
12 are to the job classification they last held permanent status in prior to
13 accepting project employment using the procedure outlined in [Section 34.9](#).

14 D. Project employees who are separated from state service due to layoff may
15 request their names be placed into the General Government Transition Pool
16 Program. Upon layoff from the project, project employees who entered the
17 project through the competitive process and remain in project status for two
18 (2) consecutive years will be eligible to have their names placed on the
19 internal layoff list for the classes in which permanent project status was
20 attained. Bumping options will be limited to the project boundaries.

21 **34.18 Seasonal Career Employment**

22 A. Seasonal career employees have layoff rights within their agency to other
23 seasonal career positions within their layoff unit as provided below, in
24 Subsection 34.18 C. Employees will be given no less than two (2) working
25 days' notice of a layoff.

26 B. Formal options to other seasonal career positions will be determined using
27 the procedure outlined in [Section 34.9](#). Employees separated due to layoffs

1 will be placed on separate seasonal layoff lists for the season in which they
2 were laid off. Employees who have the skills and abilities to perform the
3 duties of the position to be filled will be recalled based on seniority for other
4 seasonal career positions within their layoff unit for the current or following
5 season.

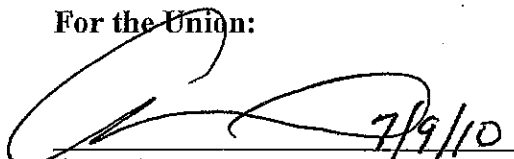
6 C. The layoff units for seasonal employees are as follows for each agency:

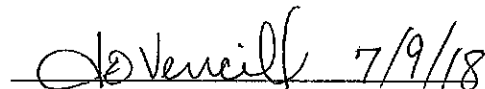
- 7 1. Department of Fish and Wildlife – See Appendix D, Layoff Units.
8 2. Department of Natural Resources – See Appendix D, Layoff Units.
9 3. Department of Transportation – The county in which the seasonal
10 employee’s official duty station is located.
11 4. Employment Security Department – The office first and then the
12 county in which the seasonal employee’s official duty station is
13 located.
14 5. Horse Racing Commission – A single statewide layoff unit.
15 6. Parks Commission – The region in which the seasonal employee’s
16 official duty station is located.

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- 1 I. Establish work performance standards, which include, but are not limited
2 to, the priority, quality and quantity of work;
- 3 J. Establish, allocate, reallocate or abolish positions, and determine the skills
4 and abilities necessary to perform the duties of such positions;
- 5 K. Select, hire, assign, reassign, evaluate, retain, promote, demote, transfer,
6 and temporarily or permanently lay off employees;
- 7 L. Determine, prioritize and assign work to be performed;
- 8 M. Determine the need for and the method of scheduling, assigning,
9 authorizing and approving overtime;
- 10 N. Determine training needs, methods of training and employees to be trained;
- 11 O. Determine the reasons for and methods by which employees will be laid-
12 off; and
- 13 P. Suspend, demote, reduce pay, discharge, and/or take other disciplinary
14 actions.
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- 1 1. Upon request, the Human Resource office will discuss possible
2 layoff scenarios and process with the employee.

3 **36.4 Use of Volunteers and Student Workers**

4 The Employer will use volunteers and student workers only to the extent they
5 supplement and do not supplant bargaining unit employees. Volunteers, student
6 workers and other non-civil service personnel will not supervise bargaining unit
7 employees.

8 **36.5 Right to Representation**

9 Upon request, employees will have the right to representation at all levels on any
10 matter adversely affecting their conditions of employment. The exercise of this
11 right will not unreasonably delay or postpone a meeting. Except as otherwise
12 specified in this Agreement, representation will not apply to discussions with an
13 employee in the normal course of duty, such as giving instructions, assigning work,
14 informal discussions, delivery of paperwork, staff or work unit meetings, or other
15 routine communications with an employee.

16 **36.6 Attendance at Meetings**

17 A. An employee will be granted time during their normal working hours to
18 attend the following meetings scheduled by management:

- 19 1. Investigatory interviews and pre-disciplinary meetings, in
20 accordance with [Article 27](#), Discipline, and
21 2. Informal grievance resolution meetings, grievance meetings,
22 mediation sessions, alternative dispute resolution meetings and
23 arbitration hearings scheduled in accordance with [Article 29](#),
24 Grievance Procedure. When an employee is subpoenaed as a witness
25 on behalf of the Union in an arbitration case, the employee may
26 appear without loss of pay if he or she appears during his or her work
27 time, providing the testimony given is related to his or her job

1 function or involves matters he or she has witnessed and is relevant
2 to the arbitration case.

3 B. An employee will be allowed reasonable time, as determined by the
4 Employer, to travel to and from management scheduled investigatory
5 interviews, pre-disciplinary meetings, informal grievance resolution
6 meetings, grievance meetings, mediation sessions, and alternative dispute
7 resolution meetings conducted during his or her normal work hours. Time
8 spent traveling during the employee's non-work hours in order to attend the
9 meetings will not be considered work time. An employee may be authorized
10 by their supervisor to adjust his or her work schedule, take leave without
11 pay, compensatory time, exchange time or vacation leave to prepare for and
12 travel to and from an arbitration hearing, and/or union management
13 communication committee meeting.

14 C. An employee must notify his or her supervisor prior to being released from
15 duty in accordance with this Article to attend a meeting, hearing or
16 mediation session. Notification must include the approximate amount of
17 time the employee expects the meeting or hearing to take. As determined
18 by the supervisor, any agency business requiring the employee's immediate
19 attention must be completed prior to attending the meeting or hearing. An
20 employee cannot use a state vehicle to travel to and from a work site in order
21 to attend a meeting unless authorized by the agency.

22 **36.7 Workload (Department of Corrections Only)**

23 The Employer may adjust the caseload and/or work assignments of Community
24 Corrections Officers and Community Corrections Specialists, if needed, when
25 assigned offender groups or conducting training.

26 **36.8 Workload**

27 1. If an employee believes his or her workload is not achievable within the
28 work time authorized by the Employer, the employee may seek the

1 assistance of his or her supervisor. The supervisor is responsible for
2 providing the employee with direction and guidance that may include the
3 setting of priorities, adjustment of work, or other actions that will assist the
4 employee in the accomplishment of his or her work assignments.

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6 2. If the employee still has workload concerns after discussion with his or her
7 supervisor, the employee may raise these concerns to his or her manager. If
8 the workload concerns are similar across the work unit, the union may raise
9 these issues at the appropriate Union-Management Communications
10 Committee under Article 37 of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.
11 If the work unit still has workload concerns across the work unit, the union
12 may raise these issues with the Appointing Authority.

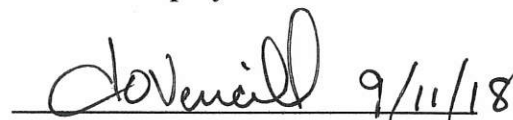
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14 3. This Workload Subsection is not subject to the grievance procedure,
15 however the employee may file a complaint with their appointing authority
16 or designee if the employee's supervisor or manager fails to discuss the
17 employee's workload concerns with the employee.
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1 agency level statewide committee described in Subsection 37.1 B. Either
2 party may subsequently determine that the local or sub-agency committee
3 should cease to meet.

- 4 E. For committees established in accordance with Subsection 37.1 B and C,
5 either team may suggest steps to improve the effectiveness of the meetings.
6 Suggestions for doing so may be raised at committee meetings and
7 implemented upon mutual agreement. The agency Labor Relations Office,
8 Human Resources Office, Office of Financial Management's Labor
9 Relations Section, the Union's Staff Representative and/or Union's
10 Headquarters office will be available to provide assistance and
11 coordination. The parties will mutually bear the costs associated with
12 implementation efforts.

13 **37.2 Committees**

14 A. Statewide Master Agreement Committee

15 The Statewide Master Agreement Committee will be composed of up to ten
16 (10) employee representatives selected by the Union and up to ten (10)
17 employer representatives. Additional staff of the Union and the OFM Labor
18 Relations Office may also attend. If agreed to by the parties, additional
19 representatives may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted at
20 least every six (6) months, unless agreed otherwise.

21 B. Agency-wide, Administration/Division Level (Department of Social and
22 Health Services only), Regional and Headquarters Level (Department of
23 Ecology only) and/or Local Level Union-Management Communication
24 Committees

- 25 1. Agency-wide committees will consist of up to seven (7) employer
26 representatives and up to seven (7) employee representatives, except
27 for the Department of Social and Health Services, which will consist
28 of two (2) employee representatives for each administration and an
29 equivalent number of employer representatives. The employee

1 representatives will be granted reasonable time during their normal
2 working hours, as determined by the Employer, to travel to and from
3 agency-wide communication committee meetings. Additional paid
4 staff of the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer
5 and Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
6 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
7 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to two (2)
8 times per year, unless agreed otherwise. At the Department of
9 Corrections, committee meetings will be conducted at least six (6)
10 times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

11 2. Administration/Division level committees within the Department of
12 Social and Health Services will be established within the Children's
13 Administration, Community Services, Child Support, Disability
14 Determination Services, Developmental Disabilities
15 Administration, Behavioral Health Administration, and
16 Rehabilitation Administration and will consist of up to six (6)
17 employer representatives and up to six (6) employee representatives.
18 Additional paid staff of the Union and the Employer may also
19 attend. The Employer and Union will be responsible for the
20 selection of their own representatives. If agreed to by the parties,
21 additional representatives may be added. Committee meetings will
22 be conducted up to two (2) times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

23 3. Regional and headquarters level committees within the Department
24 of Ecology will consist of up to five (5) employer representatives
25 and up to five (5) employee representatives. Additional paid staff of
26 the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer and
27 Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
28 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
29 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to two (2)

1 times per year, unless agreed otherwise, except for the Northwest
2 Region who will conduct meetings up to four (4) times per year.

3 4. Local level committees will consist of up to five (5) employer
4 representatives and up to five (5) employee representatives, except
5 for specific local level committees within the Department of Social
6 and Health Services as outlined in Article 37.2 B5. Additional paid
7 staff of the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer
8 and Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
9 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
10 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to four (4)
11 times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

12 5. In the Department of Social and Health Services, local level
13 committees in the Division of Developmental Disabilities regional
14 offices, Community Services Division, Home and Community
15 Services Division, and Children's Administration will consist of up
16 to ten (10) employer representatives and up to ten (10) employee
17 representatives. Additional paid staff of the Union and the Employer
18 may also attend. The Employer and Union will be responsible for
19 the selection of their own representatives. If agreed to by the parties,
20 additional representatives may be added. Committee meetings will
21 be conducted up to four (4) times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

22 **37.3 Participation and Process**

23 A. The Union will provide the Employer with the names of its committee
24 members at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the date of the
25 meeting in order to facilitate the release of employees. The Employer will
26 release employee representatives to attend committee meetings if their
27 absences do not cause a disruption of work. Employees will be granted
28 reasonable time during their normal working hours, as determined by the
29 Employer, to prepare for union management communication committee

1 meetings. For the Department of Corrections, the parties will exchange the
2 names of their respective team members at least ten (10) days prior to each
3 meeting.

4 B. Employees attending committee meetings during their work time will have
5 no loss in pay. Attendance at pre-meetings, meetings and travel to and from
6 agency-wide communication committee meetings during employees' non-
7 work time will not be compensated for or considered as time worked. The
8 Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses of
9 employee representatives. Employee representatives may not use state
10 vehicles to travel to and from a union management communication
11 committee meeting, unless authorized by the agency for business reasons.

12 C. All committee meetings will be scheduled on mutually acceptable dates and
13 times.

14 D. Each party will provide the other with any topics for discussion seven (7)
15 calendar days prior to the meeting. Suggested topics may include, but are
16 not limited to, administration of the Agreement, changes to law, legislative
17 updates and/or organizational change.

18 E. If topics discussed result in follow-up by either party, communication will
19 be provided by the responsible party.

20 **37.4 Scope of Authority**

21 All of the committee meetings established under this Article will be used for discussions
22 only, and the committees will have no authority to conduct any negotiations, bargain
23 collectively or modify any provision of this Agreement. The parties are authorized, but not
24 required, to document mutual understandings. The committees' activities and discussions
25 will not be subject to the grievance procedure in Article 29, Grievance Procedure.

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1 **ARTICLE 37**

2 **UNION-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION COMMITTEES**

3 **37.1 Purpose**

4 The Employer and the Union endorse the goal of a constructive and cooperative
5 relationship. To promote and foster such a relationship the parties agree to establish
6 a structure of joint union-management communication committees, for the sharing
7 of information and concerns and discussing possible resolution(s) in a collaborative
8 manner.

- 9 A. A Statewide Master Agreement Committee will be established to discuss
10 the administration of this Agreement.
- 11 B. Agency level statewide Union-Management Communication Committees
12 will be established to discuss and exchange agency-specific information of
13 a group nature and general interest to both parties.
- 14 C. In the Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Labor and Industries,
15 Social and Health Services, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, Employment
16 Security Department, and Parks and Recreation Commission local level
17 Union-Management Communication Committees will be established within
18 each agency, as described in Appendix E, to discuss and exchange
19 information of a group nature and general interest to the parties.
- 20 D. The discussion and exchange of information pertaining to a local or sub-
21 agency matter will be addressed to the lowest level committee. In the event
22 there is not a committee below the agency level, such matters will be
23 addressed at the agency level. Ad-hoc committees may be established by
24 mutual agreement at an agency level statewide committee or a local level
25 committee described above, in Subsections 37.1 B and C. Local and sub-
26 agency committees may only be established by mutual agreement at an
27 agency level statewide committee described in Subsection 37.1 B. Either

1 party may subsequently determine that the local or sub-agency committee
2 should cease to meet.

- 3 E. For committees established in accordance with Subsection 37.1 B and C,
4 either team may suggest steps to improve the effectiveness of the meetings.
5 Suggestions for doing so may be raised at committee meetings and
6 implemented upon mutual agreement. The agency Labor Relations Office,
7 Human Resources Office, Office of Financial Management's Labor
8 Relations Section, the Union's Staff Representative and/or Union's
9 Headquarters office will be available to provide assistance and
10 coordination. The parties will mutually bear the costs associated with
11 implementation efforts.

12 **37.2 Committees**

13 A. Statewide Master Agreement Committee

14 The Statewide Master Agreement Committee will be composed of up to ten
15 (10) employee representatives selected by the Union and up to ten (10)
16 employer representatives. Additional staff of the Union and the OFM Labor
17 Relations Office may also attend. If agreed to by the parties, additional
18 representatives may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted at
19 least every six (6) months, unless agreed otherwise.

20 B. Agency-wide, Administration/Division Level (Department of Social and
21 Health Services and Department of Children, Youth and Families only),
22 Regional and Headquarters Level (Department of Ecology only) and/or
23 Local Level Union-Management Communication Committees

- 24 1. Agency-wide committees will consist of up to seven (7) employer
25 representatives and up to seven (7) employee representatives, except
26 for the Department of Social and Health Services, which will consist
27 of two (2) employee representatives for each administration and an
28 equivalent number of employer representatives. The employee
29 representatives will be granted reasonable time during their normal

1 working hours, as determined by the Employer, to travel to and from
2 agency-wide communication committee meetings. Additional paid
3 staff of the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer
4 and Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
5 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
6 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to two (2)
7 times per year, unless agreed otherwise. At the Department of
8 Corrections, committee meetings will be conducted at least six (6)
9 times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

10 2. Administration/Division level committees within the Department of
11 Social and Health Services will be established within ~~the Children's~~
12 ~~Administration,~~ Community Services, Child Support, Disability
13 Determination Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Developmental
14 Disabilities Administration, Behavioral Health Administration, and
15 Rehabilitation Administration and will consist of up to six (6)
16 employer representatives and up to six (6) employee representatives.
17 The Department of Children, Youth and Families will have a
18 division level committee with Operations and Infrastructure. The
19 Operations and Infrastructure division level committee will consist
20 of up to six (6) employer representatives and up to six (6) employee
21 representatives. Additional paid staff of the Union and the Employer
22 may also attend. The Employer and Union will be responsible for
23 the selection of their own representatives. If agreed to by the parties,
24 additional representatives may be added. Committee meetings will
25 be conducted up to two (2) times per year, unless agreed otherwise,
26 except for DCYF Operations and Infrastructure division which will
27 conduct meetings up to four (4) times per year, unless agreed to
28 otherwise.

29 3. Regional and headquarters level committees within the Department
30 of Ecology will consist of up to five (5) employer representatives

1 and up to five (5) employee representatives. Additional paid staff of
2 the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer and
3 Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
4 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
5 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to two (2)
6 times per year, unless agreed otherwise, except for the Northwest
7 Region who will conduct meetings up to four (4) times per year.

8 4. Local level committees will consist of up to five (5) employer
9 representatives and up to five (5) employee representatives, except
10 for specific local level committees within the Department of Social
11 and Health Services as outlined in Article 37.2 B5. Additional paid
12 staff of the Union and the Employer may also attend. The Employer
13 and Union will be responsible for the selection of their own
14 representatives. If agreed to by the parties, additional representatives
15 may be added. Committee meetings will be conducted up to four (4)
16 times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

17 5. In the Department of Social and Health Services, local level
18 committees in the Division of Developmental Disabilities regional
19 offices, Community Services Division, ~~and~~ Home and Community
20 Services Division, ~~and Children's Administration~~ will consist of up
21 to ten (10) employer representatives and up to ten (10) employee
22 representatives. Additional paid staff of the Union and the Employer
23 may also attend. The Employer and Union will be responsible for
24 the selection of their own representatives. If agreed to by the parties,
25 additional representatives may be added. Committee meetings will
26 be conducted up to four (4) times per year, unless agreed otherwise.

27 **37.3 Participation and Process**

28 A. The Union will provide the Employer with the names of its committee
29 members at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the date of the

1 meeting in order to facilitate the release of employees. The Employer will
2 release employee representatives to attend committee meetings if their
3 absences do not cause a disruption of work. Employees will be granted
4 reasonable time during their normal working hours, as determined by the
5 Employer, to prepare for union management communication committee
6 meetings. For the Department of Corrections, the parties will exchange the
7 names of their respective team members at least ten (10) days prior to each
8 meeting.

9 B. Employees attending committee meetings during their work time will have
10 no loss in pay. Attendance at pre-meetings, meetings and travel to and from
11 agency-wide communication committee meetings during employees' non-
12 work time will not be compensated for or considered as time worked. The
13 Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses of
14 employee representatives. Employee representatives may not use state
15 vehicles to travel to and from a union management communication
16 committee meeting, unless authorized by the agency for business reasons.

17 C. All committee meetings will be scheduled on mutually acceptable dates and
18 times.

19 D. Each party will provide the other with any topics for discussion seven (7)
20 calendar days prior to the meeting. Suggested topics may include, but are
21 not limited to, administration of the Agreement, changes to law, legislative
22 updates and/or organizational change.

23 E. If topics discussed result in follow-up by either party, communication will
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25 **37.4 Scope of Authority**

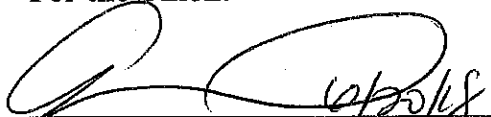
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27 only, and the committees will have no authority to conduct any negotiations, bargain
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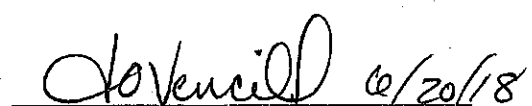
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- 1 1. Staff representatives may have access to the Employer’s offices or
2 facilities in accordance with agency policy to carry out
3 representational activities provided:
- 4 a. The representative notifies local management prior to his or
5 her arrival,
- 6 b. It does not interrupt the normal operations of the office or
7 facility, and
- 8 c. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks have
9 been completed and the representative is cleared for access
10 into the office or facility.
- 11 2. In accordance with Section 39.3 below, staff representatives and
12 bargaining unit employees may also meet in non-work areas during
13 the employee’s meal periods, rest periods, and before and after their
14 shifts.

15 **39.2 Union Stewards**

- 16 A. The Union will provide the Employer with a written list of current union
17 stewards and the office, facility or geographic jurisdiction for which they
18 are responsible. The Union will maintain the list. A steward may represent
19 any employee who works in the same agency in the same office, facility or
20 geographic jurisdiction as the steward and is in a bargaining unit represented
21 by WFSE. The Employer will not recognize an employee as a union steward
22 if his or her name does not appear on the list.
- 23 B. Union stewards will be granted reasonable time during their normal
24 working hours, as determined by the Employer, to prepare for and attend
25 meetings scheduled by Management within the steward’s office, facility or
26 geographic jurisdiction in bargaining units represented by WFSE for the
27 following representational activities:

- 1 1. Investigatory interviews and pre-disciplinary meetings, in
2 accordance with Article 27, Discipline;
- 3 2. Union Management Communication Committees and other
4 committee meetings if such committees have been established by
5 this Agreement; and/or
- 6 3. Informal grievance resolution meetings, grievance meetings,
7 alternative dispute resolution sessions, mediation sessions and
8 arbitration hearings held during their work time.

9 In addition, Union stewards will be provided a reasonable amount of time
10 during their normal working hours, as determined by the Employer, to
11 investigate and process grievances through the agency head level within the
12 steward's office, facility or geographic jurisdiction in bargaining units
13 represented by the WFSE.

14 C. Union stewards will be allowed reasonable time, as determined by the
15 Employer, to travel to and from management scheduled investigatory
16 interviews, pre-disciplinary meetings, informal grievance resolution
17 meetings, grievance meetings, mediation sessions, and alternative dispute
18 resolution meetings conducted during their normal work hours. Time spent
19 traveling during the employee's non-work hours in order to attend the
20 meetings will not be considered time worked. A steward may be authorized
21 by his or her supervisor to adjust his or her work schedule, take leave
22 without pay, compensatory time, exchange time or vacation leave to travel
23 to and from an arbitration hearing and/or union management
24 communication committee meeting.

25 D. In both Subsections 39.2 B and C above, the union steward must obtain
26 prior approval from his or her supervisor to prepare for and/or attend any
27 meeting during his or her work hours. All requests must include the

1 approximate amount of time the steward expects the activity to take. Any
2 agency business requiring the steward's immediate attention will be
3 completed prior to attending the meeting. With prior notification to the
4 Employer, off-duty stewards will have access to the worksite to perform
5 representational duties as long as the worksite is open and/or operational
6 and there are no other reasons to preclude such access. Time spent preparing
7 for and attending meetings during the union steward's non-work hours will
8 not be considered as time worked. Union stewards may not use state
9 vehicles to travel to and from a work site in order to perform
10 representational activities, unless authorized by the agency.

11 E. If the amount of time a union steward spends performing representational
12 activities is unduly affecting his or her ability to accomplish assigned duties,
13 the Employer will not continue to release the employee and the Union will
14 be notified.

15 **39.3 Use of State Facilities, Resources and Equipment**

16 A. Meeting Space and Facilities

17 The Employer's offices and facilities may be used by the Union to hold
18 meetings, subject to the agency's policy, availability of the space and with
19 prior authorization of the Employer.

20 B. Supplies and Equipment

21 The Union and employees covered by this Agreement will not use state-
22 purchased supplies or equipment to conduct union business or
23 representational activities. This does not preclude the use of the telephone,
24 or similar devices that may be used for persons with disabilities, for
25 representational activities if there is no cost to the Employer, the call is brief
26 in duration and it does not disrupt or distract from agency business.

27 C. E-mail, Fax Machines, the Internet, and Intranets

1 The Union and employees covered by this Agreement will not use state-
2 owned or operated e-mail, fax machines, the internet, or intranets to
3 communicate with one another, except as provided in this agreement.
4 Employees may use state operated e-mail to request union representation.
5 Union representatives and stewards may use state owned/operated
6 equipment to communicate with the affected employees and/or the
7 Employer for the exclusive purpose of administration of this Agreement to
8 include electronic transmittal of grievances and responses in accordance
9 with Article 29, Grievance Procedure. It is the responsibility of the sending
10 party to ensure the material is received. Such use will:

- 11 1. Result in little or no cost to the Employer;
- 12 2. Be brief in duration and frequency;
- 13 3. Not interfere with the performance of their official duties;
- 14 4. Not distract from the conduct of state business;
- 15 5. Not disrupt other state employees and will not obligate other
16 employees to make a personal use of state resources;
- 17 6. Not compromise the security or integrity of state information or
18 software; and
- 19 7. Not include general communication and/or solicitation with
20 employees.

21 The Union and its stewards will not use the above referenced state
22 equipment for union organizing, internal union business, advocating for or
23 against the Union in an election or any other purpose prohibited by the
24 Executive Ethics Board. Communication that occurs over state-owned

1 equipment is the property of the Employer and may be subject to public
2 disclosure.

3 **39.4 Information Requests**

4 A. The Employer agrees to provide the Union, upon written request, access to
5 materials and information necessary for the Union to fulfill its statutory
6 responsibility to administer this Agreement.

7 B. The Employer will acknowledge receipt of the information request and will
8 provide the union with a date by which the information is anticipated to be
9 provided.

10 C. When the Union submits a request for information that the Employer
11 believes is unclear or unreasonable, or which requires the creation or
12 compilation of a report, the Employer will contact the Union staff
13 representative and the parties will discuss the relevance, necessity and costs
14 associated with the request and the amount the Union will pay for receipt of
15 the information.

16 **39.5 Agency Policies**

17 Agencies will provide to the Union any new human resources related policies
18 affecting represented employees or updates to existing human resource related
19 policies affecting represented employees during the term of the Agreement.

20 **39.6 Bulletin Boards and Newsstands**

21 The Employer will maintain bulletin board(s) or space on existing bulletin boards
22 currently provided to the Union for union communication. In bargaining units
23 where no bulletin board or space on existing bulletin boards has been provided, the
24 Employer will supply the Union with adequate bulletin board space in convenient
25 places. Material posted on the bulletin board will be appropriate to the workplace,
26 politically non-partisan, in compliance with state ethic laws, and identified as union
27 literature. Union communications will not be posted in any other location in the

1 agency. If requested by the Union, the Employer will identify areas where Union
2 provided newsstands can be located in their offices/facilities.

3 In the State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) program residences within the
4 Department of Social and Health Services, the Employer will make available a
5 three-ring binder that is designated for union materials. Materials in the binder will
6 be appropriate to the workplace, politically non-partisan, in compliance with state
7 ethic laws, and identified as union literature. Union materials may be distributed to
8 the SOLA binders in accordance with Section 39.7 of this Article.

9 **39.7 Distribution of Material**

10 An employee will have access to his or her work site for the purpose of distributing
11 information to other bargaining unit employees provided:

- 12 A. The employee is off-duty;
- 13 B. The distribution does not disrupt the Employer's operation; and
- 14 C. The distribution will normally occur via desk drops or mailboxes, as
15 determined by the Employer. In those cases where circumstances do not
16 permit distribution by those methods, alternative areas such as newsstands,
17 lunchrooms, break rooms and/or other areas mutually agreed upon will be
18 utilized.
- 19 D. The employee must notify the Employer in advance of his or her intent to
20 distribute information.
- 21 E. Distribution will not occur more than twice per month, unless agreed to in
22 advance by the Employer.

23 **39.8 WFSE Council President and Vice-President**

- 24 A. Leave of Absence

1 Upon request of the Union, the Employer will grant leave with pay for the
2 WFSE Council President and Vice-President for the term of his or her
3 office. The Union will reimburse the Employer for the “fully burdened costs
4 of the positions” the Employer incurs as a result of placing the Council
5 President and Vice-President on leave with pay during the period of
6 absence. The Union will reimburse the agency(ies) by the 20th of each
7 month for the previous month.

8 B. Leave Balances

9 The President and Vice-President will accrue vacation and sick leave during
10 the period of absence; however, when the President and Vice-President
11 return to state service his or her leave balances will not exceed his or her
12 leave balances on the date the period of absence commenced. If the
13 President or Vice-President retire or separate from state service at the end
14 of the period of absence, his or her leave balances will not exceed his or her
15 leave balances on the date the period of absence commenced. Reporting of
16 leave will be submitted to the agency(ies). All leave requests will be
17 submitted within the required time limits.

18 C. Indemnification

19 The Union will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Employer for any
20 and all costs including attorneys fees, damages, settlements, or judgments,
21 or other costs, obligations, or liabilities the Employer incurs as a result of
22 any demands, claims, or lawsuits filed against the Employer arising out of
23 or in relation to actions taken by the President or Vice-President, or their
24 status as President or Vice-President, during the period of absence.

25 D. Return Rights

26 The President and Vice-President will have the right to return to the same
27 position or in another position in the same job classification and the same
28 geographic area as determined by the Employer, provided such

1 reemployment is not in conflict with other articles in this agreement. If the
2 job classification of the position in which the President and/or Vice-
3 President has return rights to has been abolished or revised, a crosswalk to
4 the class series will be used to identify his or her return rights. The employer
5 will assess any training needs, including those requested by the employee,
6 and provide the necessary training for the returning employee. Any layoff
7 as a result of the return will be processed in accordance with [Article 34](#),
8 Layoff and Recall. The employee and the Employer may enter into a written
9 agreement regarding return rights at anytime during the leave. The period
10 of leave will not impact the employee's seniority date.

11 **39.9 Time Off for Union Activities**

12 A. Union designated employees may be allowed time off without pay to attend
13 union-sponsored meetings, training sessions, conferences, and conventions.
14 The employee's time off will not interfere with the operating needs of the
15 agency as determined by management. If the absence is approved, the
16 employees may use accumulated compensatory time, vacation leave,
17 exchange time, or personal holiday in accordance with [Article 10](#), Holidays,
18 instead of leave without pay. However, employees must use compensatory
19 time prior to their use of vacation leave, unless the use would result in the
20 loss of their vacation.

21 B. The Union will give the Employer a written list of the names of the
22 employees it is requesting attend the above listed activities at least fourteen
23 (14) calendar days prior to the activity.

24 C. Thirty (30) Minute Paid Union Leave

25 The parties agree communication, education and direct feedback between
26 bargaining unit members and Union representatives are essential to
27 productive labor relations. Therefore, one meeting up to thirty (30) minutes
28 will be allowed during the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as
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1 paid release time during regular working hours and may be in person or by
2 phone. For tracking purposes, this thirty (30) minutes will be considered
3 paid union leave and allowed under the following conditions:

4 1. Union leave shall not disturb the services of the Employer, clients
5 and its customers and shall be accomplished without causing the
6 Employer to incur additional costs.

7 2. Union leave will require approval through the bargaining unit
8 member's supervisor, scheduler or manager.

9 3. Positions requiring relief will be excluded from this subsection
10 unless a Memorandum Of Understanding is agreed upon that
11 identifies a process that allows this union leave without impacting
12 Employer services.

13 4. If a shop steward and/or another Employer paid staff is the Union
14 representative who meets with bargaining unit members during this
15 union leave, the provisions of Article 39.9 A. will apply.

16 5. Bargaining unit members will not be required to meet with the
17 Union and will not suffer discrimination or retaliation because of
18 their choice to meet or not meet.

19 **39.10 Temporary Employment with the Union**

20 With thirty (30) calendar days' notice, unless agreed otherwise, employees may be
21 granted leave without pay to accept temporary employment with the Union of a
22 specified duration, not to exceed twelve (12) months, provided the employee's time
23 off will not interfere with the operating needs of the agency. The returning
24 employee will be employed in a position in the same job classification and the same
25 geographical area, as determined by the Employer.

1 **39.11 Access To New Employees**

2 Within ninety (90) days of a new employee's start date in a Union bargaining unit
3 position, the Employer will provide the Union access to the employee during the
4 employee's regular work hours to present information about the union. This access
5 will be provided at the employee's regular worksite, or at a location mutually
6 agreed to by the Employer and the Union and will be for no less than thirty (30)
7 minutes. No employee will be required to attend the meetings or presentations given
8 by the Union.

9 A. Group New Employee Orientation

10 When an agency provides a new employee orientation in a group setting,
11 the Union will be given an opportunity to have a union steward and/or staff
12 representative speak to the class for no less than thirty (30) minutes to
13 provide information about the Union and the Master Agreement.

14 B. Other New Employee Orientations

15 When an agency provides new employee orientation on-line, one-on-one,
16 or does not provide new employee orientation, the Union will be given the
17 opportunity to:

- 18 1. Make an appointment with the new employee for no less than thirty
19 (30) minutes; and
- 20 2. Have a union steward and/or staff representative speak to the new
21 employee to provide information about the Union and the Master
22 Agreement.

23 C. New Bargaining Unit Members

24 The union will be given the opportunity to have a Union representative
25 speak with newly represented employees for no less than thirty (30) minutes
26 to provide information about the union and the Master Agreement

1 **39.12 Demand to Bargain – Release Time and Travel**

2 A. The Employer will approve paid release time for up to three (3) employee
3 representatives who are scheduled to work during the time negotiations are
4 being conducted. The Employer will approve compensatory time, vacation
5 leave, exchange time or leave without pay for additional employee
6 representatives provided the absence of the employee does not create
7 significant and unusual coverage issues. The Union will provide the
8 Employer with the names of its employee representatives at least ten (10)
9 calendar days in advance of the date of the meeting.

10 B. The Employer will approve compensatory time, vacation leave, exchange
11 time or leave without pay for employee representatives to prepare for and
12 to travel to and from negotiations.

13 C. No overtime, compensatory time or exchange time will be incurred as a
14 result of negotiations, preparation for and/or travel to and from negotiations.

15 D. The Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses of
16 employee representatives. Employee representatives may not use state
17 vehicles to travel to and from a bargaining session, unless authorized by the
18 agency for business purposes.

19 **39.13 2019 – 2021 Master Agreement Negotiations**

20 A. Release Time

21 The Employer will approve paid release time in aggregate of two hundred-
22 fifty (250) days for all union bargaining team members for formal
23 negotiations. Upon exhaustion of this bank, the Union may request the
24 parties meet and discuss additional paid release time for Union team
25 members. The Employer will approve miscellaneous paid leave for all
26 remaining formal negotiation sessions and for all travel to and from the
27 sessions for Union team members provided the absence of the employee for
28 negotiations does not create significant and unusual coverage issues. The

1 Union will reimburse the Employer for the “fully burdened costs” of this
2 miscellaneous paid leave for all team members not on paid release time per
3 this article. The Union will reimburse the agency(ies) by the 20th of each
4 month for the previous month. Per diem and travel expenses will be paid by
5 the WFSE for Union team members. No overtime, compensatory time or
6 exchange time will be incurred as a result of negotiations and/or travel to
7 and from negotiations.

8 B. Confidentiality/Media Communication

- 9 1. Bargaining sessions will be closed to the press and the public unless
10 agreed otherwise by the chief spokespersons.
- 11 2. No proposals will be placed on the parties’ web sites.
- 12 3. The parties are not precluded from generally communicating with
13 their respective constituencies about the status of negotiations while
14 they are taking place.
- 15 4. There will be no public disclosure or public discussion of the issues
16 being negotiated until resolution or impasse is reached on all issues
17 submitted for negotiations.
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23 **TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED**

24 **For the Union:**

24 **For the Employer:**

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ARTICLE 40

UNION DUES DEDUCTION AND STATUS REPORTS

40.1 Notification to Employees

The Employer will inform new, transferred, promoted, or demoted employees in writing prior to appointment into positions included in the bargaining unit(s) of the Union's exclusive representation status. Upon appointment to a bargaining unit position, the Employer will furnish the employees with membership materials provided by the Union. The Employer will inform employees in writing, ~~with a copy to the Union,~~ if they are subsequently appointed to a position that is not in a bargaining unit.

40.2 Deduction Authorization

The Employer agrees to deduct an amount equal to the membership dues from the salary of employees who request such deduction in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of a properly completed request submitted to the appropriate agency payroll office. Such requests will be made on a Union payroll deduction authorization card. The Employer will honor the terms and conditions of each employee's signed membership card.

40.3 Union Dues

- A. Upon receipt of the employee's written authorization, the Employer will deduct from the employee's salary an amount equal to the dues required to be a member of the Union. The Employer will provide payments for the deductions to the Union at the Union's official headquarters each pay period.
- B. Forty-five (45) calendar days prior to any change in dues, the Union will provide the Office of Financial Management/State Human Resources,

1 Labor Relations Section the percentage and maximum dues to be deducted
2 from the employee's salary.

3 **40.4 Voluntary Deductions**

4 A. PEOPLE

5 1. The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee
6 who is a member of the Union deduction for the PEOPLE program.
7 Written authorizations must be requested in writing by the employee
8 and may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written
9 notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees to
10 remit electronically, on each state payday, any deductions made to
11 the Union together with an electronic report showing:

- 12 a. Employee name;
- 13 b. Personnel number;
- 14 c. Amount deducted; and
- 15 d. Deduction code.

16 2. The parties agree this section satisfies the Employer's obligations
17 and provides for the deduction authorized under [RCW 41.04.230](#).

18 B. Public Safety Protection Program (PSPP)

19 The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee who is a
20 member of the Union deductions for the WFSE/AFSCME PSPP. Written
21 authorizations must be on the WFSE/AFSCME Council 28 PSPP Voluntary
22 Payroll Deduction Authorization form. Deductions will include a one-time
23 initial deduction amount and ongoing monthly deduction amount.
24 Authorizations may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving
25 written notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees
26 to remit electronically, on each state payday, any deductions made to the
27 Union together with an electronic report showing:

1. Employee name;
2. Personnel number;
3. Amount deducted; and
4. Deduction code.

C. Trustmark Universal Life Insurance with Long Term Care

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee who is a member of the Union deductions for the Trustmark Universal Life Insurance with Long Term Care. Written authorizations must be provided. Authorizations may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice to the Employer. The Employer agrees to remit electronically, on each state payday, any deductions made to Trustmark together with an electronic report showing:

1. Employee name;
2. Personnel number;
3. Amount deducted; and
4. Deduction code.

40.5 Status Reports

A. No later than the tenth (10th) and twenty-fifth (25th) ~~twelfth (12th)~~ of each month, the Employer will provide the Union with a report in an electronic format of the following data, if maintained by the Employer, for employees in the bargaining unit:

1. Personnel number
2. Employee name
3. Mailing address
4. Personnel area code and title
5. Organization unit code, abbreviation and title
6. Work county code and title
7. Work location street (if available)

1 of the employee's signed membership card regarding dues deduction revocation
2 have been met.

3 **40.7 Indemnification**

4 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims,
5 demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the Employer for or on
6 account of compliance with this Article and any and all issues related to the
7 deduction of dues or fees.

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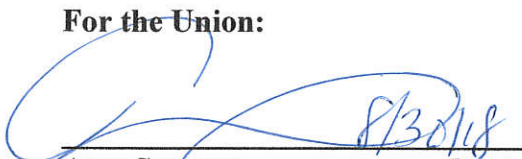
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