

Opinion 96-7 (Redacted version)

June 6, 1996

“A” Credit Union

Subject: Application of RCW 31.12.365
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Dear:

Through Stacy Augustine of the Washington Credit Union League, you recently requested our view on the following issue:

The director of a Washington state-chartered credit union is a college or community college professor or teacher. The director must miss a class that she or he teaches in order to participate in board matters. The director is required to hire a substitute to teach the class missed, at the director's own expense. The director's salary at the college is not reduced for missing the class. The amount paid by the director to hire the substitute is less than the prorata amount of her or his salary attributable to the class. The director seeks reimbursement from the credit union for the out-of-pocket expense to hire the substitute. Is this permissible under RCW 31.12.365?

In response to your request, I have reached the conclusion that such reimbursement does not constitute prohibited compensation to the director under RCW 31.12.365. Consequently, reimbursement is not prohibited by this section.

Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions on this conclusion.

Sincerely,

J. Parker Cann
Assistant Director