

April 23, 1998

“A”

“B”

Subject: Records Disclosure Requests by Law Enforcement

Opinion no: O-98-7 (**Redacted version**)

Dear “A”:

You asked whether “B” is required to provide the police copies of requested financial documents concerning a member. You also asked which statute “B” must follow (state disclosure law or federal-Right to Financial Privacy).

The Right to Financial Privacy applies to all federal agencies and departments. Since the police are state, not federal, you would follow state law.

Attached are the applicable state laws; be sure you read all. Be sure to follow RCW 30.22.240 (Records-Disclosure-Requests by law enforcement).

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Jekel
Program Manager