



Oregon Senate Fact-Finding Mission Application & Approval Form

This application will be used to review and officially approve fact-finding missions allowed under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and required to be reported under ORS 244.060(6) **if the expense per member is estimated to exceed \$50**. This application must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate **no later than 14 days** before the start of the fact-finding mission, unless as determined by the Secretary good cause exists for submitting the application after the deadline. **To promote transparency, all approved applications and accompanying materials will be posted on the Secretary of the Senate's website.**

Description of Mission: fact finding tour regarding Ag + Forestry

Issues or Legislation Related to Mission: Forest practices Act, water quality, labor + etc.

Location of Mission: See tour agenda attached

Date(s) of Mission: June 7, 2016

Person/Entity Paying Expenses: Ag PAC Educational Services

Address of Person/Entity Paying Expenses: 1320 Capital Street NE STE 200
Salem OR 97301

Invited Members (select one):

☒ All Senators ☐ The following Senators: _____

☒ All Senators on the Committee(s)/Task Force(s) on: _____

Staff Invited: ☒ Yes ☐ No Relatives/Household Members Invited: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activities will be limited to a factual investigation or other educational purposes: ☒ I agree.

The mission is not being conducted for campaign or partisan political purposes: ☒ I agree.

Please include the following required attachments with this application:

1. Written opinion from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission concluding that the event is a permitted fact-finding mission under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and the rules of the commission.
2. Written itinerary or agenda for all scheduled meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging, or other activities planned during the mission.

Within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission, please submit the following required documents to the Secretary of the Senate, which will be posted on the Secretary's website:

1. An attendance sheet listing all Senators, staff, relatives, household members, lobbyists, and all others who participated in the mission.
2. The aggregate value of food, travel, and lodging expenses provided to each Senator, staff member, relative, and household member of the Senator. The aggregate value of expenses for each person shall be determined in the same manner as required by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for disclosure on a Statement of Economic Interest under ORS 244.060(6).
3. Written confirmation that the mission was conducted substantially according to the itinerary or agenda submitted with the application and, if the mission varied materially from the submitted itinerary or agenda, a written account describing the material variations (i.e., any additional meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging).

Failure to submit this information within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission will result in an automatic denial of all future applications submitted by the Applicant signing below and the person or entity listed above as paying expenses.

By signing below, I hereby declare that all information submitted at any time by me, or on my behalf, to the Oregon Senate in connection with this application and fact-finding mission is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: Diann Washburn Date: 5/17/16

Name of Applicant (print): Diann Washburn

Address: 1320 Capital Street NE STE 200 Salem OR 97301

Telephone Number: 503-370-8092

E-mail Address: diann@ofs-online.org

All information above is required for the application to be considered.

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Based on the written conclusion of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and the information submitted by the Applicant, under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) this fact-finding mission is hereby:

☒ Officially Sanctioned

☐ Denied

Lois Burd
Secretary of the Senate

5-17-16
Date



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Government Ethics Commission

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March 29, 2016

Dave Dillon
1320 Capitol Street N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Dillon:

This letter of advice is provided in response to your request received on March 18th, 2016 which presented a question regarding how the provisions of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to public officials and candidates for public office who may participate in a tour which is planned for June 7th, 2016. This analysis and advice is being offered under the authority provided in ORS 244.284 as guidance on how the current provisions of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific circumstances you have presented.

Your letter states Agpac Educational Services Association wants to host an educational tour for public officials and candidates. During this tour, Agpac will provide and pay for meals and transportation. In the request you have asked what restrictions or requirements Oregon Government Ethics law may impose on public officials and candidates who wish to participate in this tour. How Oregon Government Ethics law applies to public officials differs from its application to candidates.

It is apparent that Agpac may have legislative or administrative interest, as defined in ORS 244.020(10), which is an economic interest that is distinct from the economic interest held by members of the general public in matters subject to the decisions or votes by individual public officials who may participate in the planned event.

Under most circumstances when a public official is offered food, beverage and travel at no cost to the public official, it would be a gift as defined in ORS 244.020(7)(a). ORS 244.020(7)(b) excludes several items from the statutory definition of "gift", including reasonable food, travel expenses provided to a public official when representing government. ORS 244.020(7)(b)(H) allows acceptance of the payment of reasonable expenses for food and travel for public officials, relatives, members of the household, or staff members of the public official accompanying the public official, when the public official is representing their government agency during an officially sanctioned trade-promotion or fact-finding mission. The Commission has adopted an administrative rule OAR 199-005-0020(3)(b) to provide clarification to the term "officially sanctioned".

Dave Dillon
March 29th, 2016
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Based on the information you provided it appears that ORS 244.020(7)(b)(H) would allow public officials to accept meals and transportation expenses to participate in the tour, which appears to meet the definition of a fact-finding mission, as defined in OAR 199-005-0001(2).

With regard to candidates who are not otherwise public officials, paid expenses for food and travel would also be defined as a gift, however, ORS 244.020(7)(b) does not provide that these expenses be excluded from the gift limitations as defined in ORS 244.025. Candidates for public office would be limited to accepting gifts with an aggregate value of no more than \$50 per calendar year from Agpac.

The public officials who participate in the event and who must file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission would be required to report the aggregate value of these paid expenses pursuant to ORS 244.060(6). Although it is not required that Agpac, as the source of a gift, provide a detailed cost analysis of a gift, it would be a courtesy to the public officials who may wish to participate in this event to receive a statement with the aggregate value of expenses paid on their behalf for filing purposes.

If you have any additional questions regarding the application of Oregon Government Ethics law please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Bersin
Executive Director

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*****DISCLAIMER*****

This staff advice is provided under the authority given in ORS 244.284(1). This opinion offers guidance on how Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific facts described in your request. This opinion is based on my understanding and analysis of the specific circumstances you described and should not be applied to circumstances that differ from those discussed in this request.

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Agpac Educational Services Tour
Oregon Natural Resources; Locally Grown & Globally Known

June 7, 2016

Wilsonville Start

8:30 AM Depart from Oregon Association of Nurseries, 29751 SW Town Center Loop West, Wilsonville

Salem Start

8:00 AM Depart from gravel lot at 1415 Capitol Street NE, Salem (Arctic Circle sign & near Farm Bureau Building)

TOUR AGENDA

IFA NURSERY, 1887 N Holly St, Canby, OR 97013

Conifer seedling nursery

9:00 AM Pastries, coffee & juice are served
 Welcome & Opening Remarks
 Tour facilities

Topics: nursery and forest sectors, forest practices act & water quality

11:00 AM Board buses

GINGERICH FARMS PRODUCTS, INC, 29995 S Elisha Rd, Canby

5th generation blueberry operation

11:30 AM Lunch & farm tour

Topics: labor, food safety and trade

1:15 PM Board buses

KOCH FARMS, INC, 27815 Elisha Riggs Rd, Canby, OR 97013

Multi-generational vegetable and seed operation raising organic, conventional and GE crops

Topics: multigenerational farming, agriculture coexistence, pesticides, & agriculture cooperatives

3:00 PM Board buses

COLEMAN CORRALS, INC, 15151 S Feyrer Park Rd, Molalla

Cattle operation

Topics: animal care, public lands & water quality

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5:30 Buses depart

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1320 CAPITOL STREET NE STE 200 SALEM OR 97301

July 1, 2016

Ms. Lori Brocker
Oregon Secretary of the Senate
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 233
Salem OR 97301

Dear Ms. Brocker,

This letter is to confirm that the educational tour organized by Agpac Educational Services Association (AESA) was conducted substantially according to the itinerary and agenda submitted with the application. The total cost was \$81.87 per participant. It was a fact finding event concerning ag and forestry practices, food safety and trade. Please find enclosed a list of those who attended.

Sincerely,



Dave Dillon, Chairman
Agpac Educational Services Association

AESAs Natural Resources Tour
June 7, 2016

Oregon House of Representatives	Notes
Greg Alderson	Office of Speaker Tina Kotek
Jeff Barker	
Lew Frederick	
Mike Nearman	
Bill Post	
Jonathan Sundau	Office of Congressman Kurt Schrader
Oregon Senate	Notes
Michael Dembrow	Office of Senator Fred Girod
Fred Girod	
Lori Girod	
Bill Hansell	
Alan Olsen	Office of Senator Bill Hansell
Brandon Pursinger	
Chuck Thompson	
Statewide Candidates & Staff	Notes
Daniel Crowe	Daniel Crowe for Attorney General
Jeff Gudman	State Treasurer
Larry Morgan	Daniel Crowe for Attorney General
Dr. Slema Pierce	Bud Pierce for Governor
Congressional Candidate	Notes
Brian Heinrich	Heinrich for Oregon
Senate Candidates & Staff	Notes
Dick Anderson	Dick Anderson for Oregon
Brock Brocato	Stringer for Senate District 30
Dennis Linthicum	Committee to Elect Dennis Linthicum
Mark Stringer	Stringer for Senate District 30
Tamie Tlustos Arnold	Tamie for East County
Brea Walters	Tamie for East County
House Candidates & Staff	Notes
Dr. Bruce Bobek	Friends of Bruce Bobek
Kathy Brayer	Committee to Elect Terry Brayer
Terry Brayer	Committee to Elect Terry Brayer
Marty Carty	Friends of Mark Meek
Lori Chavez DeRemer	Lori DeRemer for State Representative
Jamey Duhamel	Friends of Ray Lister
Julie Fahey	Friends of Julie Fahey
Sharon Freeman	Friends of Sharon Freeman
Scott Jager	Friends of Patti Milne
Tom Kane	Friends of Tom Kane
Kathy Lamberg	Friends of Kathy Lamberg

AESA Natural Resources Tour

June 7, 2016

Ray Lister	Friends of Ray Lister
Fergus Mclean	Independent Candidate for HD-7
Mark Meek	Friends of Mark Meek
Pattie Milne	Friends of Patti Milne
Ken Moore	Friends of Ken Moore
Laura Morett	Laura Morett for Oregon
Ron Noble	Ron Noble for Oregon
James Ramos	Ron Noble for Oregon
E. Werner Reschke	Werner for Oregon
Evon Tekorius	Committee to Elect Evon Tekorius
Tim Trickey	Committee to Elect Rich Vial
Rich Vial	Committee to Elect Rich Vial

Agency Participants	Notes
Jenifer Cruickshank	Oregon State Extension
Dan Edge	Oregon State University
Erick Gorman	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Betsy Hartley	Oregon State University
Shannon Hurn	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Jock Mills	Oregon State University
Julia Turner	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Steven Wilson	Oregon Department of Forestry
Doug Woodcock	Oregon Water Resources Department

Other	Notes
Seth Barnes	Oregon Forest & Industries Council

AESA Members	Notes
Tyler Alexander	Oregon Farm Bureau
Roger Beyer	Oregon Seed Council
Marie Bowers Stagg	Oregon Women for Agriculture
Scott Dahlman	Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Amanda Dalton	Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers
Tammy Dennee	Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Dave Dillon	Oregon Farm Bureau
Jenny Dresler	Oregon Farm Bureau
Katie Fast	Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Patrick Fitzgerald	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
Jim Geisinger	Associated Oregon Loggers
Alan Hickenbottom	Umatilla Electric Cooperative
Bill Hoyt	Oregon Grass Roots Alliance
Tami Kerr	Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Austin Miller	Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Blair Nash	Oregon Water Resources Congress
Jerome Rosa	Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Sandi Schukar	Oregonians for Food & Shelter

AESA Natural Resources Tour

June 7, 2016

Lauren Smith
April Snell
Jeff Stone
Diann Washburn

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