

BP 2717 Personal Use of Public Resources – Board of Education

References:

ORS 244.040

NOTE: *Although this policy is **recommended as good practice**, it is up to the entity to determine the applicability of this board policy given state law and the entity's organizational culture. The following sample is based on Oregon law.*

Board of Education members and employees of the college, as public officials, may not use or attempt to use official position or office to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment for the public official, a relative or member of the household of the public official, or any business with which the public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official is associated, if the financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment would not otherwise be available but for the public official's holding of the official position or office. All board members shall be familiar with Oregon ethics law.

This prohibition does not apply to:

(a) Any part of an official compensation package as determined by the public body that the public official serves.

(b) The receipt by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official of an honorarium or any other item allowed under ORS 244.042.

(c) Reimbursement of expenses.

(d) An unsolicited award for professional achievement.

(e) Gifts that do not exceed the limits specified in ORS 244.025 received by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official from a source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest.

(f) Gifts received by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official from a source that could not reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest.

(g) The receipt by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official of any item, regardless of value, that is expressly excluded from the definition of "gift" in ORS 244.020.

(h) Contributions made to a legal expense trust fund established under ORS 244.209 for the benefit of the public official.

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