

**WAC 434-260-200 Standards for evaluating appeals.** In determining whether or not an appeal filed pursuant to RCW 29A.04.570 and WAC 434-260-160 should be upheld and the final scheduled review report either modified or set aside, the election administration and certification board shall consider the following factors:

(1) Whether or not the course of action or activity recommended by the review staff is required by federal or state law or by administrative rule;

(2) Whether or not the findings or the course of action or activity recommended by the review staff enhances the standardization and uniformity of election practices and procedures throughout the state;

(3) Whether or not the findings or the course of action or activity recommended by the review staff enhances the security or integrity of the ballots or the ballot counting process;

(4) Whether or not the course of action or activity recommended by the review staff would cause unnecessary hardship or expense to the county making the appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 29A.04.610. WSR 04-15-089, § 434-260-200, filed 7/16/04, effective 8/16/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 29.60.020. WSR 99-12-004, § 434-260-200, filed 5/19/99, effective 6/19/99. WSR 98-08-010, recodified as § 434-260-200, filed 3/18/98, effective 3/18/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 29.60.020. WSR 93-18-053, § 434-60-200, filed 8/30/93, effective 9/30/93.]