

TRAINING EXAMPLES

A. **Facts:** An assembly member subleases property for his business in downtown from Lessor, who is also a general contractor. The award of a contract for road construction in South Anchorage to the contractor is before the assembly for approval.

1. Official Action – Item ___; voting on approval of road construction contract.
2. Interest:
 - Holder: the member as owner of the downtown business
 - Financial interest: the assembly member has an interest in subleasing property from the contractor. **BUT** The member and business **have no financial interest** the official action – the award of the contract.
3. Impact on Business Interest of award of contract - NONE. No further disclosure or questioning by the Assembly is required.
4. Assembly Balancing to determine if private interest is substantial
 - Size – no impact from award of contract
 - Connection – no connection

B. **Facts:** a member has ties to a non-profit organization.

1. Official Action – None.
2. No disclosure of interest is necessary.

C. **Facts:** an assembly member's spouse works for the school district and the ASD budget is before the Assembly.

1. Official Action – Item ____, voting on the ASD budget.
2. Interest
 - Holder of the interest: both the assembly member and the spouse hold an interest in compensation of teacher spouse.

- Financial or personal – both a financial interest in compensation and personal (spouse has contract with school)
 - Ongoing
3. Impact on interest in compensation
 - Not a substantial part of matter under consideration
 - Impact may or may not vary with vote on budget
 - Impact on interest (spouse compensation) is dependent on factors beyond the official action – state funding, union negotiations
 4. Affirm – the member affirms that he can hold public interest above his private interest
 5. Assembly Balancing to determine if private interest is substantial:
 - Size – unknown impact of budget on spouse compensation
 - Connection: the Assembly votes on the whole budget, not line items. The Assembly has little or no control over teacher compensation through approval of the budget. Impact of the vote on the member's and spouse's interest in compensation is indirect and not substantial.

D. **Facts:** An assembly member works for Drug, Inc., a drug treatment provider. The assembly is considering purchasing a property for the possible use of a drug treatment center in the future.

1. Official Action –Item No. ____, approving the purchase of a specific property, perhaps with stipulations as to use for a drug treatment facility.
2. Interest – the assembly member is an employee of an entity that provides drug treatment.