

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 12/04/06

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

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SUBJECT: Required Ethics Training for Local Board and Youth Council Members

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: Employment Development Dept Draft Directive WIADD-130, dated October 31, 2006, has been received. The directive was issued in response to Assembly Bill No. 1234. This law requires that if a local board provides to a member any compensation, including reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in performance of official duties, then all board members must receive training in ethics. This training is to be accomplished by January 1, 2007, and every two years thereafter.

Government Code Section 53235 states that the training shall be at least two hours, and cover general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to his or her public service. The State is now deciding how best to comply with the law. The Department will provide options for WIB members to receive training that meet the AB 1234 requirements. One on-line training has already been identified. The on-line course has been developed by the Institute for Local Government and the County of Monterey, and is approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission to meet the requirements of AB 1234. The course is self-guided and is informational, no testing required. (<http://www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov>)

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A