

## **Island Institute Whistle Blower Policy**

Board resolution: The board of directors approves the inclusion of the following statement in the Employee Handbook, and directs the President to ensure that it is given to and acknowledged by all employees. In addition, the President will ensure that whistleblower protection notification is posted in the workplace(s) as required by state law.

Notes: The Model Whistleblower Policy extends beyond the law by encouraging reporting of law violations as well as prohibiting retaliation.

Policy: If any employee reasonably believes that some policy, practice, or activity of the Island Institute is in violation of law, a written complaint may be filed by that employee with the President.

It is the intent of the Island Institute to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the organization, and the underlying purpose of this Policy is to support the organization's goal of legal compliance. The support of all employees is necessary to achieving compliance with various laws and regulations. An employee is protected from retaliation only if the employee brings the alleged unlawful activity, policy, or practice to the attention of the President and provides the President with a reasonable opportunity to investigate and correct the alleged unlawful activity. The protection described below is only available to employees that comply with this requirement.

The Island Institute will not retaliate against an employee who, in good faith, has made a protest or raised a complaint against some practice of the Island Institute, or of another individual or entity with whom the Island Institute had a business relationship, on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law or a clear mandate of public policy.

The Island Institute will not retaliate against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or a public body any activity, policy, or practice of the Island Institute that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule, or regulation mandated pursuant to law or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment.

My signature below indicates my receipt and understanding of this Policy. I also verify that I have been provided with an opportunity to ask questions about the Policy.

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Employee Signature and Date