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Sara Hutchinson — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Ed Putka — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis.*

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

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☑ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☑ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____

_____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

Sara Hutchinson
(Signature)

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AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

I, Sara Hutchinson, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Self-employment	$ 800	$	$ 1400	$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Interest and dividends	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Gifts	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Alimony	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Child Support	$ 512.	$	$ 512.	$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	$ 4085	$	$ 4085	$
Unemployment payments	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	$ NA	$	$ NA	$
Other (specify):	$	$	$	$
Total monthly income:	$ 5397	$	$ 5997	$

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Self employed	447 N 1st St Kalama Wa 98625	2008- Present	$2024- Ø $2025-800 $2026-800-1400

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
			$ $ $

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? $ 135
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
	$	$
Savings	$ 50	$
Checking	$ 85	$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☑ Home Assessed (Fire rebuilding)
Value 107,270

☐ Other real estate
Value

☑ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2007 Honda Ridgeline
KBB Value 7,045

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model
Value

☐ Other assets
Description
Value

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
	$	$
NA	$	$
	$	$

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
[redacted]	Son	13

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home) Are real estate taxes included? ☑ Yes ☐ No Is property insurance included? ☑ Yes ☐ No	$ 3735	$
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	$ 650	$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	$ NA	$
Food	$ 400	$
Clothing	$ NA	$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	$ NA	$
Medical and dental expenses	$ NA	$

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	$ 200	$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	$ NA	$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	$ NA	$
Life	$ Cancelled	$
Health	$ NA	$
Motor Vehicle	$ 210	$
Other: _____	$	$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	$ NA	$
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	$ 497	$
Credit card(s)	$	$
Department store(s)	$	$
Other: _____	$	$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	$ NA	$
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	$	$
Other (specify): Massage business (Not part of Income Calc.)	$ 1301	$
Total monthly expenses:	$ 6993	$

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

My income does not come to the amount of my monthly expenses. 2yrs ago I had a disc replacement in my neck and I am still recovering and am not yet back to full time work.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 23 April, 2026

Sara Hutchinson

(Signature)

Statement for Proffessional Business expensed

-Rent - $1027 per month
Licensed - 440 per year
Insurance - 250 per year
Supplies & Continued education - 220 per month (2600 per year)

My income from my self employment is averaged after my business expenses have been payed.

Sara Hutchinson - dated 23 April 2026

Sara Hutchinson

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF Clark

On this day personally appeared before me

Sara Hutchinson

to be known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she/they signed the same as his/her/their free and voluntarily act or deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of June,

2026.

Samantha Amren, Notary Public

Residing in Ridgefield

My Commission Expires March 6, 2028

Title of Document: Affidavit or Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

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Notary Public
State of Washington
SAMANTHA AMREN
COMM. # 20102986
MY COMM. EXP. March 6, 2028

Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that the Court grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis and waive the filing fee and associated cost.

Respectfully submitted,

June 30, 2026

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Certificate of Service

I declare under perjury, according to the laws of the US Supreme Court, that on the date that is written, I have hand delivered a correct copy of this Motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and that I have served the other party's attorney at this address.

Meredith A. Long
1447 3rd Ave Ste B,
Longview WA 98632

Dated this 30th day of June 2026

Sara Hutchinson PRO SE

Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that the Court grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis and waive the filing fee and associated costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Hutchinson February 3, 2026

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Sara Hutchinson April 23, 2026
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I declare under perjury, according to the laws of the US supreme court, that on the date that is written, I emailed a true and correct copy of this Motion for leave to proceed in forma paurperis and that I have served the other party's attorney. I Have served the other party via their email address. and hand deliver to-

1315 14th Avenue
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Meridith A. Long

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Dated this 3rd day of February 2026

Sara Hutchinson PRO SE

Dated this 23rd day of April 2026

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