

Lowry investigation brings questions

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Probes of sexual-harassment allegations against Gov. Mike Lowry expose a sticking point in state ethics law: Who appoints the investigator and how can the person's independence be assured?

Two of Lowry's top in-house legal advisers have appointed an outside attorney they know, at no charge, to look into allegations that the governor repeatedly sexually harassed his former deputy press secretary, Susanne Albright.

Is that arm's length enough?

Shawn Newman, an Olympia lawyer who handles sex-harassment cases and is president of the citizen watchdog group CLEAN, says nothing less than a completely independent probe will do.

"Anything internal and the people will always believe it will be tainted," he said in an interview Sunday. "And it always serves the interests of the person who is under investigation. It needs to be totally independent."

Larry Finegold, a criminal defense attorney who has taken Albright's case, says that at the very least, the investigator's name should be made public. He said the investigator's anonymity reduces the likelihood that witnesses or other potential victims will come forward, since they won't know whom to contact.

"The best way to keep the investigation in the dark is to keep the investigator in the dark," Finegold told The Seattle Times.

Attorney General Christine Gregoire said Sunday her office will not investigate unless Albright files a lawsuit against the governor. The attorney general's office is legal adviser, and potential defender, of the governor and might have a perceived conflict of interest in investigating him, she said.

She conceded that the governor's office appointment of outside counsel won't assure some citizens, either. But she said it's the advice her office gave Lowry, based on current policy.

Albright, a former journalist and a publicist for the Senate Democrats, joined Lowry's staff in mid-1993. She says she left her \$48,000-a-year job in November because of "very clear and persistent unacceptable behavior by the governor toward me."

She has not filed a formal complaint or lawsuit, making it doubly inappropriate for the attorney general to be involved at this point, Gregoire said.

The governor flatly denies any impropriety.

"I was stunned when I learned of this. This is an excellent employee, very professional, done a fine job," Lowry told Seattle's KING-TV on Sunday. "I never did anything inappropriate."

Lowry said he supports the naming of an outside investigator, whom his office declines to identify other than to say she is a Seattle attorney who has experience in harassment cases.

Intel demonstrates new range of home computers

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — Pushing the design of personal computers forward, Intel Corp. on Monday will show industry executives ways to move more audio, video and communication functions to the main circuitry of a machine.

The company, maker of the microprocessors that run most PCs, hopes the work will eliminate much of the need for accessory circuit boards that can only be added when the computer is taken apart. In time, the results should be smaller and faster PCs.

Intel fears the variety of technical designs for accessories prevents most people from using the

computer for anything besides writing reports or crunching numbers. And getting customers to use the computer for things like telephoning or video is key to sustaining demand for the machines and Intel's chips.

At research labs on several suburban campuses west of Portland, Intel engineers are trying to give the PC more of the integrated qualities of a stereo or TV.

"We've hit a barrier as an industry," said Craig Kinnie, director of the Architecture Development Lab, one of the company's four research arms. "If you're going to make media and communications work on the PC,

we needed to take a next step."

Analysts said the development is also important because it will bring IBM-compatible PCs closer to the sound and video quality and ease Apple Computer Inc. has achieved by controlling all the hardware accessories for its Macintosh machines.

"What Intel saw was they were going to not have as much demand for those kinds of capabilities in a market that didn't have some uniformity," said Mark Specker, research director at the Gartner Group, a technology consulting firm in Stamford, Conn.

A PC that is fully loaded for

sound and video typically has several extra circuit cards. The variety of designs for those cards causes software designers to make choices about which ones will run their programs. A typical animated game, for instance, usually has a strict list of compatible equipment.

At an industry conference in Palm Springs, Calif., Intel will show how far it has come in being able to shift functions of those accessories to software on the microprocessor.

For instance, the company will demonstrate how full-screen, full-motion video can be done by its Pentium microprocessor.





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