

**RAP 12.1**  
**BASIS FOR DECISION**

**(a) Generally.** Except as provided in section (b), the appellate court will decide a case only on the basis of issues set forth by the parties in their briefs.

**(b) Issues Raised by the Court.** If the appellate court concludes that an issue which is not set forth in the briefs should be considered to properly decide a case, the court may notify the parties and give them an opportunity to present written argument on the issue raised by the court.

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