75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 61 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Burdick

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 3 - 1 - 1

Yeas: Burdick, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Ferrioli Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 1/22, 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction to list of public officials exempt from lobbyist registration and reporting requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of lobbying in state agencies
- Making exemption apply consistently

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction to the list of exempt officials.

BACKGROUND: A series of statutes regulate lobbying activities in the Oregon Legislature (ORS 171.725 to 171.785). These lobby regulations apply generally to public agency officials' conduct when they lobby for their agencies; however, certain statewide public officials and their staff do not have to register as lobbyists and file statements of expenditures. For example, the Deputy Secretary of State and Deputy Attorney General are exempt from registration and filing.