



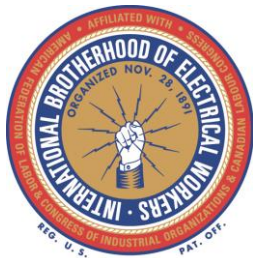
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Support for HB 3528 Clarification of Lobby Expenses

Our organizations urge your support of HB 3528 to clarify that only expenses incurred talking to legislators and public officials, not colleagues or clients, need to be reported on quarterly expenditure reports.

The recent OGEC staff opinion that suggests these lobby-to-lobby expenses must be reported would be an extreme burden for us all and completely unnecessary. Even more burdensome is the notion that our clients must report expenses incurred when discussing matters with their own registered lobbyist. For example:

- If a lobbyist eats pizza during a membership meeting of their client where there is discussion of government affairs issues, the client has to report the one or two slices the lobbyist eats?
- If a lobbyist buys a fellow lobbyist a cup of coffee in the café, it must be reported?

Ethics law was intended to require reporting of the expenses incurred lobbying public officials, not discussing issues with clients and colleagues.

HB 3528 simply clarifies what was commonly believed to be existing law: that buying a cup of coffee for someone who is not a legislator or a public official does not need to be reported as an expense.

We urge your support of HB 3528

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