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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires compensated lobbyists to register with Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within 10 days of agreeing to provide lobbying services or after lobbyist first appears or works for person whom lobbyist has not registered to represent. Clarifies biennial lobbyist registration expires December 31st of each odd-numbered year. Eliminates grace period during even numbered years for compensated lobbyists to register with OGEC. Requires entity comprised on more than one lobbyist to report expenditures for each lobbyist. Removes requirement that Legislative Assembly receive notification of violations of lobbying laws.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for increase in registration period from 3 to 10 days
- Establishment of electronic filing system
- Intention of measure
- Increase in out-of-state lobbying clients and difficulties associated with meeting 3 day deadline
- Eliminating grace period for filing registration
- Possible amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-2 amendment: removes requirement that both public and private positions throughout State register as lobbyist if part of their jobs duties included or might include lobbying legislative or executive officials.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a lobbyist must register with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within 3 business days of: exceeding the aggregate of 24 hours spent lobbying; spending of an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter; and after the day the lobbyist first appears or works for the person whom the lobbyist has not registered.

House Bill 2078 would allow a lobbyist 10 business days to file statement with OGEC after exceeding the aggregate of 24 hours spent lobbying; spending of an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter; and after the day the lobbyist first appears or works for the person whom the lobbyist has not registered. In addition, the measure would require a lobbyist to a file statement within 10 business days after agreeing to provide personal services for money or any other consideration for the purpose of lobbying.

Currently, ORS 171.745 (4) permits entities comprised of more than one lobbyist to file one statement with OGEC with the entities total expenditures and not reported by individual lobbyist.

ORS 171.992 (4) requires OGEC distribute an executive summary of no more than two pages to every member of the Legislative Assembly by electronic mail and one copy of the report to the Legislative Administrator, any violations of lobbyist laws for which a penalty was imposed. The report shall include the name of the person against whom the penalty was imposed and described the nature of the violation. House Bill 2078 would no longer require this report be distributed.

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