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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. Changes grace period during even-numbered years for compensated lobbyists to register with OGEC by January 31st. Requires entity comprised of 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 three day deadline
- Eliminating grace period for filing registration
- Possible amendment
- Registration terminates when contract terminates
- Eliminate need to reregister with Oregon Government Ethics Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes requirement that both public and private positions throughout state register as lobbyist if part of their job included or might include lobbying legislative or executive officials. Restores grace period during even-numbered years for compensated lobbyists to register and changes it to January 31st.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a lobbyist must register with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within three 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 of the lobbyist first appearing or working for a person whom the lobbyist has not registered to represent. House Bill 2078-A provides 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 of the lobbyist first appearing or working for a person whom the lobbyist has not registered to represent. In addition, the measure would require a lobbyist to file a 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 the OGEC with the entities' total expenditures and not reported by individual lobbyist.

ORS 171.992 (4) requires that the 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 with 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 describe the nature of the violation. House Bill 2078-A no longer requires that this report be distributed.

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