

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Burdick, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Beyer, Ferrioli
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Meeting Dates:	5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires lobbyist who receives money or other consideration for lobbying to register with Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within 10 business days of agreeing to provide lobbying services or after first appearing or working for person whom lobbyist has not registered to represent. Clarifies biennial lobbyist registration expires December 31st of each odd-numbered year. Changes grace period to allow for renewal of registration if lobbyist renews by January 31st of following even-numbered year. 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:

- Purpose of measure provisions
- House amendments
- Lobbyist registration process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, 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 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 2078A extends the time allotted for registration, giving a lobbyist 10 business days to file the registration statement with OGEC. In addition, the measure requires that each lobbyist 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) allows entities comprised of more than one lobbyist to file one statement with OGEC with the entities' total expenditures, with no requirement for individual reporting.

House Bill 2078A also removes a provision requiring the reporting of lobbying violations to the Legislative Assembly. ORS 171.992 (4) currently requires that OGEC distribute an executive summary to every member of the Legislative Assembly by electronic mail and give one copy of the report to the Legislative Administrator. The summary report includes the name of the person against whom a penalty was imposed and describes the nature of the violation. House Bill 2078A removes the requirement that OGEC submit a report of lobbyist violations to the Legislative Assembly. The measure also adjusts the grace period to ensure that lobbyists are registered prior to the beginning of a legislative session in an even-numbered year.

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