

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/20, 5/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts registered lobbyists from reporting to Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) moneys spent on lobbying other registered lobbyists.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Capitol Club standards of conduct and compliance with regulations for reporting
- Quarterly reporting requirement for food, refreshments, and entertainment expenditures
- Definition of “other persons” for purpose reporting
- Lobbyist-to-lobbyist lobbying on issues
- Focus of ethics statutes has been on lobbying of public officials
- Fiscal impact of additional reports to OGEC
- Application to non-public officials
- Meaning of term “solicits” or “soliciting”
- Role and purpose of reporting to OGEC
- Lobbyist reporting of personal expenditures for food, refreshments and entertainment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 171.725 (8) defines lobbying beyond legislative and executive officials, to include the solicitations of “other persons.” The statutory definition of lobbying, as applied by Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC), has three components: influencing or attempting to influence legislative action through oral or written communication with legislative officials; solicitation of executive officials or other persons to influence of attempt to influence legislative action; or attempting to obtain the goodwill of legislative officials. Under current statute (ORS 171.745(1)(a)), an individual would be required to report food, drink, and entertainment expenses, if the individual approaches other persons with a request or plea to join them in influencing or attempting to influence legislative action.

House Bill 3528 would exempt from reporting to OGEC moneys expended for food, refreshments and entertainment by a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying another lobbyist who is registered or required to register with OGEC or on lobbying any person on whose behalf a lobbyist is registered or required to register.