

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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, 6/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts registered lobbyists from reporting to Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) moneys spent on lobbying another registered lobbyist. Exemption does not apply if person lobbied is legislative official, executive official, or member of state board or commission. Sunsets exemption on June 30, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Capitol Club standards of conduct and compliance with regulations for reporting
- Quarterly reporting requirement for food, refreshments, and entertainment expenditures
- Definition of “others person” for purpose reporting
- Lobbyist-to-lobbyist lobbying on issues
- Focus of ethic 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: Replace measure.

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 the 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-A exempts registered lobbyists from reporting to OGEC moneys spent on lobbying another registered lobbyist. The exemption does not apply if person lobbied is legislative official, executive official, or member of state board or commission.