

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 7/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts registered lobbyists from reporting to Oregon Government Ethics Commission moneys spent on lobbying other registered lobbyists. Specifies that 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:

- Summary of the measure's provisions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 171.725 (8) defines lobbying as extending beyond interactions with legislative and executive officials to also 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 or 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 the person lobbied is a legislative official, an executive official, or a member of a state board or commission.