

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/25/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/25

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires lobbyist to register with Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within three business days after exceeding aggregate of 24 hours spent lobbying, spending of aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter and after day of lobbyist first appearing or working for person whom lobbyist has not registered to represent or after agreeing to provide personal services for money or any other consideration for the purpose of lobbying. Adds email to statement filed with OGEC. Requires that not later than 10 days after lobbyist files statement with OGEC, official authorization to lobby must be signed. Lobbyist may unilaterally withdraw registration, not more than one time per calendar year, if done within 10 calendar days of filing registration and before official authorization to lobby has been signed. Lobbyist must notify OGEC within three business days if they cease representation of person for whom they are registered to represent. Requires OGEC to make lobbyist registration and lobbyist registration updates publicly available on Internet within one calendar day of receiving information. Applies to lobbyist registration statements and updates or revision made on or after January 1, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability and process for lobbyists to submit and file statements electronically
- Importance of transparency in public policy process
- Changes in online presence of OGEC

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 171.740 requires a lobbyist to register with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) within 10 business days 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, a lobbyist is required 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.

House Bill 4134-A requires lobbyist to register with OGEC within three days after exceeding aggregate of 24 hours spent lobbying, spending of aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter and after day of lobbyist first appearing or working for person whom lobbyist has not registered to represent or after agreeing to provide personal services for money or any other consideration for the purpose of lobbying.