

HB 2577 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Burdick

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 07/01/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires lobbyist statements filed with Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) to identify specified political committees controlled or advised by a lobbyist and to identify each topic lobbied. Requires lobbyist statements to include acknowledgment that lobbyist understands applicable rules and laws governing lobbyist conduct. Directs OGEC to include link on its website to laws and rules governing lobbyist conduct on its website. Directs OGEC to review ten percent of all lobbyist expenditure statements, and requires documentation of lobbying activities for reviewed lobbyists. Authorizes OGEC to adopt rules to designate method of review.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, a person is required to register with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) as a lobbyist within three business days after: 1) exceeding an aggregate amount of 24 hours during any calendar quarter lobbying; or 2) spending an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter; or 3) agreeing to provide personal services for money, or any other consideration, for the purpose of lobbying. A lobbyist registered with the OGEC is required to file quarterly reports that include the amount of all money spent for food, refreshments, and entertainment for the purpose of lobbying, and the name of any legislative or executive official to whom or for whose benefit, on any one occasion, an expenditure is made for the purpose of lobbying. This information, and information reported on total expenditures made by clients to lobbyists and lobbying organizations, is currently available in a public, searchable database.

House Bill 2577-B expands the required lobbyist registration information that must be submitted to OGEC to include the name of each political committee that is advised or controlled by the lobbyist and that makes political contributions to a candidate or elected official. In addition, the measure expands the information lobbyists must report to OGEC on a quarterly basis to include each legislative topic on which the lobbyist was engaged. HB2577-B directs OGEC to review ten percent of all lobbyist expenditure statements and requires that each reviewed lobbyist provide documentation of their lobbying activities.