

House Bill 3127

Sponsored by Representative NOBLE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Government Ethics Commission to receive written findings of fact prepared by investigator directed by Legislative Assembly or legislative rule to determine whether lobbyist engaged in conduct prohibited under legislative branch personnel rules. Directs commission to conduct proceedings and deliberate on written findings. Authorizes commission to undertake its own investigation of matter. Requires commission to determine appropriate remedy to be imposed.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to discipline of lobbyists; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 171.725 to 171.785.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Government Ethics Commission shall receive any written findings of fact prepared by an investigator directed by the Legislative Assembly or by legislative rule to determine whether a lobbyist has engaged in conduct prohibited under legislative branch personnel rules.

(2) Upon receipt of written findings described in subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall promptly conduct proceedings and deliberate on the written findings described in subsection (1) of this section. The commission shall give notice of the proceedings to the lobbyist that is the subject of the written findings and shall allow the lobbyist to appear and present testimony and evidence at the proceedings. The commission may determine that performing its own investigation is warranted and may stay the proceedings for no more than 60 days to undertake its own investigation.

(3) As part of the commission's deliberations, the commission shall determine an appropriate remedy, including but not limited to:

(a) Taking no action;

(b) Reprimanding the lobbyist;

(c) Imposing a civil penalty on the lobbyist; or

(d) Revoking the lobbyist's registration under ORS 171.740.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.