

Senate Bill 1589

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that lobbyists must give certain information to the OGEC. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Requires lobbyists to provide a notice to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission regarding certain information about the lobbyist's representation of certain clients, the lobbyist's compensation and the lobbyist's new or different position on legislative action or administrative action. Provides for the contents of the notice.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to lobbying; creating new provisions; amending ORS 171.756 and 171.772; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 171.740 to 171.762.

SECTION 2. (1) A lobbyist registered with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, or required to register with the commission, that represents more than one client concurrently shall file a notice with the commission within three business days after:

(a) The lobbyist agrees to be a lobbyist with regard to new legislative action or administrative action for a new or existing client; or

(b) The lobbyist takes a new or different position on new or existing legislative action or administrative action for any new or existing client.

(2) For any notice required under subsection (1) of this section, the lobbyist shall specify the legislative action or administrative action and include whether the new or existing client, at the time the lobbyist agrees to be a lobbyist for the client or takes a new or different position:

(a) Supports the legislative action or administrative action;

(b) Supports the legislative action or administrative action if the action is amended;

(c) Opposes the legislative action or administrative action;

(d) Opposes the legislative action or administrative action unless the action is amended;

(e) Is neutrally monitoring the legislative action or administrative action;

(f) Is monitoring the legislative action or administrative action while seeking an amendment to the action; or

(g) Is monitoring the legislative action or administrative action with concerns.

(3) A lobbyist who is an attorney:

(a) Shall provide the notice required under subsection (1) of this section in the same

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.

1 manner as a lobbyist who is not an attorney; and

2 (b) May not invoke an attorney-client privilege or decline to provide the notice as pro-
3 tected from disclosure as confidential matters between an attorney and a client.

4 (4) A lobbyist who is required to provide notice under this section shall file with the
5 commission, in accordance with the schedule described in ORS 171.752, a statement that in-
6 cludes the total compensation received by the lobbyist from each client that is the subject
7 of the notice during the applicable reporting period.

8 (5) The commission may adopt rules to administer this section.

9 (6) For purposes of this section:

10 (a) "Client" means a person for whom a lobbyist provides personal services for money
11 or any other consideration for the purpose of lobbying.

12 (b) "Administrative action" includes any rule or regulation being promulgated by an
13 executive agency.

14 **SECTION 3.** ORS 171.756 is amended to read:

15 171.756. (1) A lobbyist may not instigate the introduction of any legislative action for the pur-
16 pose of obtaining employment to lobby in opposition to the legislative action.

17 (2) A lobbyist may not attempt to influence the vote of any member of the Legislative Assembly
18 by the promise of financial support of the candidacy of the member, or by threat of financing oppo-
19 sition to the candidacy of the member, at any future election.

20 (3) A person may not lobby or offer to lobby for consideration any part of which is contingent
21 upon the success of any lobbying activity.

22 (4) A legislative or executive official may not receive consideration other than from the State
23 of Oregon for acting as a lobbyist in Oregon.

24 (5) A lobbyist may not knowingly deceive or attempt to deceive a member of the Legis-
25 lative Assembly regarding the facts related to any pending or proposed legislative action or
26 administrative action, as defined in section 2 of this 2026 Act.

27 (6) A lobbyist may not knowingly represent an interest adverse to a client of the lobbyist
28 without full disclosure of the adverse interest to the client and without obtaining the client's
29 written consent.

30 **SECTION 4.** ORS 171.772 is amended to read:

31 171.772. In carrying out the provisions of ORS 171.725 to 171.785, the Oregon Government Ethics
32 Commission shall:

33 (1) Prescribe by rule forms for registrations, statements *[and reports]*, **reports and notices** re-
34 quired to be filed by ORS 171.725 to 171.785 and provide the forms to persons required to register
35 **with the commission** and to file the statements *[and reports]*, **reports and notices**.

36 (2) Accept and file any information voluntarily supplied **to the commission** that exceeds the
37 requirements of ORS 171.725 to 171.785.

38 (3) Make *[registrations, statements and reports]* **any registration, statement, report and notice**
39 filed **with the commission** available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours,
40 and make copying facilities available at a charge not to exceed actual cost.

41 (4) Adopt by rule an electronic filing system under which *[statements]* **any statement** required
42 to be filed under ORS 171.745 and 171.750 must be filed with the commission in an electronic format.
43 The commission may not charge a fee for filing a statement under this subsection.

44 (5) Provide training on procedures for filing *[statements]* **any statement** under subsection (4) of
45 this section.

1 (6) Make [*statements*] **any statement** filed under ORS 171.745 and 171.750 available in a
2 searchable format for review by the public using the Internet.

3 **SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026**
4 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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