

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYIST EXPENDITURES; AMENDING SECTION 67-6619, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN ANNUAL, SEMIANNUAL AND MONTHLY PERIODIC REPORTS AND TO DELETE A REQUIREMENT THAT A CERTAIN THRESHOLD BE ADJUSTED BIENNIALLY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-6619, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-6619. REPORTING BY LOBBYISTS. (1) Any lobbyist registered under section 67-6617, Idaho Code, shall file with the secretary of state an annual report of his lobbying activities signed by both the lobbyist and the lobbyist's employer or employers. The reports shall be made in the form and manner prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be filed on January 31 of each year. In addition to the annual report, while the legislature is in session, every registered lobbyist shall file interim monthly periodic reports for each month or portion thereof that the legislature is in session, which reports need to be signed only by the lobbyist and which shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of the first day of the month for the activities of the month just past, provided however, that any lobbyist covered under this chapter whose lobbying activities are confined only to executive officials shall be required to file interim periodic reports semiannually on January 31 and July 31, which reports need to be signed by the lobbyist and the lobbyist's employer or employers.

(2) Each annual, semiannual and monthly periodic report shall contain:

(a) The total of all expenditures made or incurred on behalf of such lobbyist by the lobbyist's employer or employers, not including payments made directly to the lobbyist, during the period covered by the report. The totals shall be segregated according to financial category including, but not limited to: entertainment, food and refreshment, honoraria, travel, lodging, advertising and other like expenditures. Reimbursed personal living and travel expenses of a lobbyist made or incurred directly or indirectly for any lobbying purpose need not be reported.

(b) The name of any legislator or executive official to whom or for whose benefit on any one (1) occasion, an expenditure in excess of: (i) seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per person from 2008 through December 31, 2010, and (ii) in excess of ~~one hundred~~ thirty-five dollars (~~\$100~~35.00) per person on and after January 1, 2011, for the purpose of lobbying, is made or incurred and the date, name of payee, purpose and amount of such expenditure. Expenditures for the benefit of the members of the household of a legislator or executive official shall also be itemized if such expenditure exceeds the amount listed in this subsection.

1 (c) In the case of a lobbyist employed by more than one (1) employer, the proportionate  
2 amount of such expenditures in each category made or incurred on behalf of each of his  
3 employers.

4 (d) The subject matter of proposed legislation and the number of each senate or house  
5 bill, resolution, memorial or other legislative activity or any rule, ratemaking decision,  
6 procurement, contract, bid or bid process, financial services agreement or bond in which  
7 the lobbyist has been engaged in supporting or opposing during the reporting period;  
8 provided that in the case of appropriations bills, the lobbyist shall enumerate the specific  
9 section or sections which he supported or opposed.

10 ~~(e) The itemization threshold in subsection (2)(b) of this section shall be adjusted~~  
11 ~~biennially by directive of the secretary of state, using consumer price index data compiled~~  
12 ~~by the United States department of labor.~~