

**SSB 5861** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

**ADOPTED 04/15/2019**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary  
6 of the senate shall develop and provide a training course for  
7 registered lobbyists regarding the legislative code of conduct and  
8 any policies related to appropriate conduct adopted by the senate or  
9 the house of representatives.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.600 and 2010 c 204 s 801 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Before lobbying, or within thirty days after being employed  
13 as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, a lobbyist shall register by  
14 filing with the commission a lobbyist registration statement, in such  
15 detail as the commission shall prescribe, that includes the following  
16 information:

17 (a) The lobbyist's name, permanent business address, and any  
18 temporary residential and business addresses in Thurston county  
19 during the legislative session;

20 (b) The name, address and occupation or business of the  
21 lobbyist's employer;

22 (c) The duration of the lobbyist's employment;

23 (d) The compensation to be received for lobbying, the amount to  
24 be paid for expenses, and what expenses are to be reimbursed;

25 (e) Whether the lobbyist is employed solely as a lobbyist or  
26 whether the lobbyist is a regular employee performing services for  
27 his or her employer which include but are not limited to the  
28 influencing of legislation;

29 (f) The general subject or subjects to be lobbied;

1 (g) A written authorization from each of the lobbyist's employers  
2 confirming such employment;

3 (h) The name and address of the person who will have custody of  
4 the accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents required  
5 to be kept under this chapter;

6 (i) If the lobbyist's employer is an entity (including, but not  
7 limited to, business and trade associations) whose members include,  
8 or which as a representative entity undertakes lobbying activities  
9 for, businesses, groups, associations, or organizations, the name and  
10 address of each member of such entity or person represented by such  
11 entity whose fees, dues, payments, or other consideration paid to  
12 such entity during either of the prior two years have exceeded five  
13 hundred dollars or who is obligated to or has agreed to pay fees,  
14 dues, payments, or other consideration exceeding five hundred dollars  
15 to such entity during the current year;

16 (j) An attestation that the lobbyist has read and completed a  
17 training course provided under section 1 of this act regarding the  
18 legislative code of conduct and any policies related to appropriate  
19 conduct adopted by the senate or the house of representatives.

20 (2) Any lobbyist who receives or is to receive compensation from  
21 more than one person for lobbying shall file a separate notice of  
22 representation for each person. However, if two or more persons are  
23 jointly paying or contributing to the payment of the lobbyist, the  
24 lobbyist may file a single statement detailing the name, business  
25 address, and occupation of each person paying or contributing and the  
26 respective amounts to be paid or contributed.

27 (3) Whenever a change, modification, or termination of the  
28 lobbyist's employment occurs, the lobbyist shall file with the  
29 commission an amended registration statement within one week of the  
30 change, modification, or termination.

31 (4) Each registered lobbyist shall file a new registration  
32 statement, revised as appropriate, on the second Monday in January of  
33 each odd-numbered year. Failure to do so terminates the lobbyist's  
34 registration.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.605 and 2010 c 204 s 802 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 Each lobbyist shall at the time he or she registers submit to the  
38 commission a recent photograph of himself or herself of a size and  
39 format as determined by rule of the commission, together with the

1 name of the lobbyist's employer, the length of his or her employment  
2 as a lobbyist before the legislature, a brief biographical  
3 description, and any other information he or she may wish to submit  
4 not to exceed fifty words in length. The photograph ((and)),  
5 information, and attestation submitted under RCW 42.17A.600(1)(j)  
6 shall be published by the commission at least biennially in a booklet  
7 form for distribution to legislators and the public.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) A lobbyist who is registered under RCW 42.17A.600 before  
11 December 31, 2019, is required to update the lobbyist's registration  
12 materials to include the attestation required by RCW 42.17A.600(1)(j)  
13 by December 31, 2019.

14 (2) The commission shall revoke the registration of any lobbyist  
15 registered under RCW 42.17A.600 who does not comply with subsection  
16 (1) of this section.

17 (3) The commission may not impose any other penalty on a lobbyist  
18 registered under RCW 42.17A.600 for failure to comply with subsection  
19 (1) of this section.

20 (4) The commission shall collaborate with the chief clerk of the  
21 house of representatives and the secretary of the senate to develop a  
22 process to verify that lobbyists who submit an attestation under RCW  
23 42.17A.600(1)(j) have completed the training course provided under  
24 section 1 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect  
26 December 31, 2019."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that the training course and attestation  
must cover the legislative Code of Conduct and any policies related  
to appropriate conduct adopted by the Senate or the House of  
Representatives.

(2) Transfers the responsibility to develop and provide a  
training course on these policies from the Public Disclosure  
Commission to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
Secretary of the Senate.

(3) Removes the requirement to notify a lobbyist's employers of  
violations of the Code of Conduct or related policies.

(4) Changes the effective date of the attestation requirement to  
December 31, 2019.

(5) Specifies that lobbyists who are already registered with the Public Disclosure Commission before December 31, 2019, must update their registration materials with the attestation by December 31, 2019; otherwise the Public Disclosure Commission will revoke their registration, but may not impose any other penalty for failing to submit the attestation.

(6) Requires the Public Disclosure Commission to collaborate with the Legislature to develop a process to verify that lobbyists who attest to having taken the appropriate conduct training course have, in fact, taken the training course.

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