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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides for additional itemizations in disclosure reports filed by lobbyists and principals.

- 1** **Content.** Provides that a lobbyist's disclosure report must include a separate listing of disbursements, and sources of money received in excess of \$500, used in lobbying activity to influence recommendations or actions of a legislative council or commission.

This change is consistent with previous advisory opinions issued by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

- 2** **Principal reports.** Requires, effective for reports filed March 15, 2013, and thereafter, the following itemizations on a principal report (letters correspond to the new paragraph lettering in the bill):

(d) spending to influence administrative action in cases of utility rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting certificates of need for certain utility projects; this spending is to be reported separately and not included in other spending totals required in the principal's report;

(e) expenses incurred to educate, inform, lobby, and otherwise influence a public official related to industry conventions, facility tours, travel arrangements, including but not limited to private company aircraft, and hospitality-related expenses; these expenses must be reported separately and also must be included in the spending totals required elsewhere in the principal's report;

(f) expenses incurred to promote or defeat a candidate for public office or to advocate approval or defeat of a ballot question; these expenses must be reported separately and also included in the spending totals required elsewhere in the principal's report.