

HB 2727 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds advocating on behalf of a public or private entity for changes in policy or funding for a public or private sector program or entity to the restrictions on what a member of the Legislative Assembly may receive money or other consideration for within one year of ceasing to be a member.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, Oregon's statute regulating the subsequent employment of public officials (ORS 244.045) was amended to prohibit former legislators from receiving compensation for lobbying until the end of the next regular session after which the person ceases to be a legislator. With the adoption of annual sessions in 2010 that included both "short" and "long" regular sessions, the length of this prohibition varied and could range from approximately one month to approximately 16 months. The Legislative Assembly set the prohibition to a fixed period of one year from the date the member ceases to hold office through [House Bill 2595](#) in 2019.

Current law (ORS 171.725) defines "lobbying" as influencing, or attempting to influence, legislative action through oral or written communication with legislative officials, solicitation of executive officials or other persons to influence or attempt to influence legislative action, or attempting to obtain the goodwill of legislative officials. Current law also defines "legislative action" as the introduction, sponsorship, testimony, debate, voting, or any other official action on any measure, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment, or report, or any matter that may be the subject of action by either house of the Legislative Assembly, or any committee of the Legislative Assembly, or the approval or veto thereof by the Governor.