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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 640, L.D. 1868, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Reporting of Grassroots Lobbying”

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E-1 in the first line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "expenditures" the following: 'made or incurred'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E-1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "employer's" the following: 'regular'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

The bill requires a lobbyist to report expenditures by a client for grassroots lobbying if those expenditures exceed \$2,000 in a month. This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a lobbyist must report on grassroots lobbying if the lobbyist's client either made or incurred expenditures in excess of \$2,000 during a month for the purposes of grassroots lobbying. As amended, the grassroots lobbying reporting threshold for lobbyists will match the grassroots lobbying reporting threshold established in the bill for persons who have not engaged a lobbyist. The amendment also clarifies that the \$2,000 threshold does not apply to the employer's regular employees.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT