

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 26, 2019

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB19-1248 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 15, strike "FORTY-EIGHT" and substitute
2 "SEVENTY-TWO".

3 Page 4, strike lines 21 through 25 and substitute:

4 "(b) DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN
5 REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION, WHERE THE LOBBYIST AGREES TO
6 UNDERTAKE LOBBYING IN CONNECTION WITH NEW OR EXISTING
7 LEGISLATION FOR EITHER A NEW OR EXISTING CLIENT, THE DISCLOSURE
8 REQUIRED".

9 Page 6, strike lines 4 through 14 and substitute:

10 "SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-6-303, **add** (7)
11 as follows:

12 **24-6-303. Registration as professional lobbyist - filing of**
13 **disclosure statements - certificate of registration - legislative**
14 **declaration - repeal.** (7) (a) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2019, THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (7) AS THE
16 "SECRETARY", SHALL CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER
17 UPGRADES TO THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
18 (6.3) OF THIS SECTION. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER WAYS TO
19 IMPROVE THE USE OF THE SYSTEM BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BY

1 INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THIS PART 3 AS WELL AS WAYS TO INCREASE
2 OVERALL TRANSPARENCY AND THE EASE OF THE USE OF DATA REPORTED
3 INTO THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM. THE WORKING GROUP MUST MEET
4 AT LAST ONCE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND MAY MEET AS OFTEN AS
5 THE SECRETARY DEEMS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS
6 SUBSECTION (7). THE WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY
8 AND INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND MAKE DISCLOSURE UNDER
9 THIS PART 3. THE SECRETARY MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO GOVERN THE
10 WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBSECTION (7)(a).

11 (b) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE
12 WORKING GROUP AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 STATE TO ITS COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AT A HEARING HELD PURSUANT
14 TO SECTION 2-7-203 (2)(a) OF THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR
15 ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)
16 GOVERNMENT ACT".

17 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020.

18 **SECTION 5. Effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes
19 effect upon passage; except that section 24-6-302 (6.5), Colorado Revised
20 Statutes, as enacted in section 2 of this act, takes effect January 1, 2020.

21 (2) This act applies to the required disclosure of information on
22 or after the applicable effective date of this act.

23 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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