

S.F. No. 1580 – Campaign Finance Reporting Modifications (As amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Section 1 [Associated business] amends the definition of “associated business” to include a lobbyist, principal, or other interested person who pays an individual more than \$250 in a month for providing services as an independent contractor or consultant. If an individual is paid by a person or association for providing services to a lobbyist, principal, or interested person, “associated business” includes both the person or association that pays the compensation and the entity receiving the service. Defines “interested person” as a person that has a direct financial interest in a decision that the compensated individual is authorized to make as a public or local official.

Section 2 [Content] requires a lobbyist report to include a general description of the subjects on which the lobbyist lobbied for each principal. The report must include the total of all income from lobbying activities, including salary and administrative expenses. The requirement to itemize disbursements is stricken. The report must include contributions made by a lobbyist to a candidate and contributions to party organizations within a house of the legislature.

Section 3 [Principal reports] requires principals to report total amounts (without rounding) spent by the principal to influence legislative action, administrative action, or actions of metropolitan governmental units. The report must include the amount of contributions to a candidate, principal campaign committee, or party unit.

Section 4 [Effective date] provides an immediate effective date for the bill.