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577 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Elections

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to campaign finance; requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- 1.3 Board to publish a handbook for lobbying; proposing coding for new law in
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **[10A.066] HANDBOOK FOR LOBBYING.**
- 1.7 (a) The board must publish on the board's website a handbook for lobbying written in
- 1.8 plain language. At a minimum, the handbook must clearly explain:
- 1.9 (1) lobbyist registration requirements, including:
- 1.10 (i) an explanation of when a person is required to register as a lobbyist and what specific
- 1.11 types of activities count toward reaching the dollar amount thresholds in section 10A.01,
- 1.12 subdivision 21; and
- 1.13 (ii) how registration requirements apply if a person is employed by a government entity;
- 1.14 (2) which activities and expenses do not count toward the dollar amount thresholds in
- 1.15 section 10A.01, subdivision 21, but are required to be reported as lobbying disbursements
- 1.16 on a principal's report; and
- 1.17 (3) any differences between lobbying the legislature, the executive branch, a political
- 1.18 subdivision, and the Public Utilities Commission.
- 1.19 (b) The board must regularly update the handbook to reflect changes to statutes and
- 1.20 rules. In developing and updating the handbook, the board must consult individuals who
- 1.21 are registered lobbyists but who are not full-time professional lobbyists, including lobbyists

2.1 for nonprofit organizations, small organizations, and organizations led by individuals who  
2.2 are Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except  
2.4 that the board is not required to publish the handbook until January 15, 2026.