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- 22 port authorities
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Local Government Lobbying in 1995

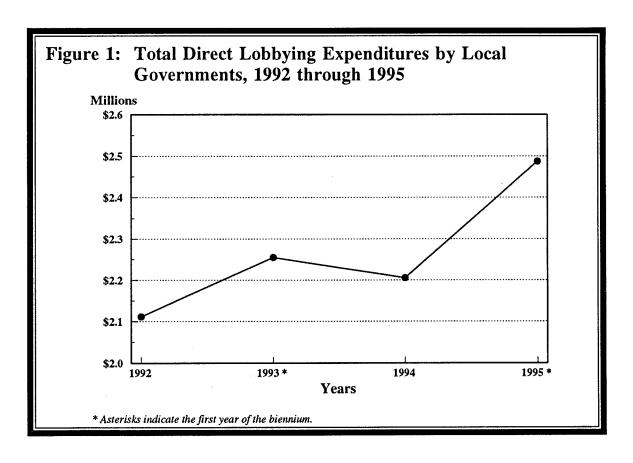
Summary of 1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures

During 1995, 95 Minnesota local governments expended \$2,487,482 in direct lobbying expenditures. This represents an increase of 12.8 percent over the \$2,205,225 in direct lobbying expenditures made in 1994. A direct lobbying expenditure is the amount paid directly to a local government employee or a

Ninety-five local governments reported \$2,487,482 in direct lobbying expenditures in 1995.

contract lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or state administrative agency. Direct lobbying expenditures do not include dues and membership fees paid to local government organizations, even though the local government organizations spend a portion of those dues and membership fees for lobbying activities.

Historically, local government lobbying expenditures are higher in the first year of the biennium than in the second year due to the budgeting cycle of the Legislature. Figure 1 shows the trend of direct lobbying expenditures by local governments for the years 1992 through 1995.

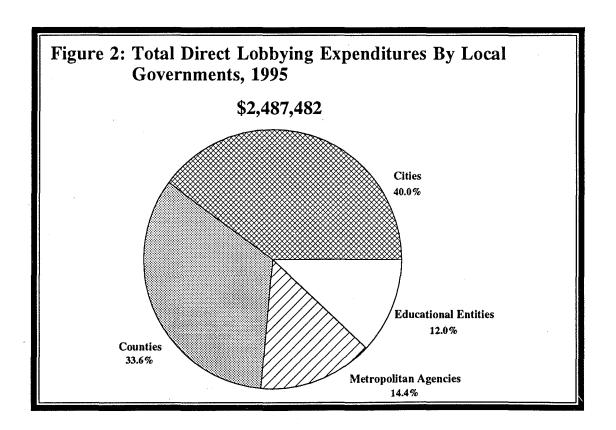


Direct Lobbying Expenditures of Minnesota Local Governments

Ninety-five of Minnesota's cities, counties, school districts, and metropolitan agencies have opted to directly employ staff and/or contract lobbyists to lobby the Legislature on their behalf. The 95 units of government include:

- fifty-seven cities that reported a combined total of \$993,787 in direct lobbying expenditures;
- fifteen counties that reported a combined total of \$836,289 in direct lobbying expenditures;
- nineteen school districts or other educational entities that reported a combined total of \$298,842 in direct lobbying expenditures; and,
- four metropolitan agencies that reported a combined total of \$358,564 in direct lobbying expenditures.

Figure 2 shows 1995 total direct lobbying expenditures by type of jurisdiction.



Local Governments With Highest Direct Lobbying Costs

Eight of the 95 local governments reported over \$100,000 in lobbying expenditures, for a combined total of \$1,203,116. These 8 local governments account for 48.4 percent of the total direct local government lobbying expenditures. The 8 local governments are:

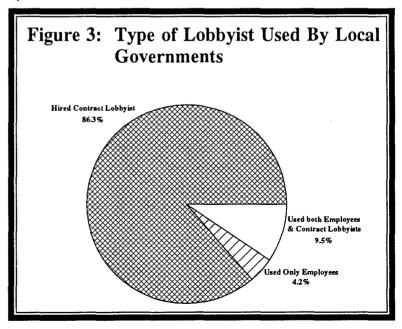
Anoka County	\$102,061	Metropolitan Airports Commission	\$108,900
City of Hopkins	\$107,454	Metropolitan Council	\$111,648
City of Minneapolis	\$286,104	Ramsey County	\$151,322
Hennepin County	\$226,274	Scott County	\$109,353

Hired Contract Lobbyists Are Utilized Far More Than Employee Lobbyists

Direct expenditures by local government units for lobbying the Legislature in 1995 included the use of hired contract lobbyists and local government employees. Approximately 61.5 percent (\$1,529,979) of the total direct lobbying expenditures were made to various contract lobbyists. The remaining 38.5 percent (\$957,503) of the expenditures were made to employees of 13 government units to lobby on behalf of the local units of government. During 1995:

- four local units of government relied entirely upon their employees to represent them at the Legislature;
- eighty-two units of government relied entirely upon contract lobbyists to represent them at the Legislature; and,
- nine local units of government hired contract lobbyists and used their own employees for lobbying the Legislature.

Figure 3 shows that governments local which have direct lobbying expenditures utilize contract lobbyists far more than their o w n employees to lobby the Legislature.



Firms That Lobby On Behalf Of Local Governments

In 1995, Minnesota local governments hired 42 contract lobbyists or lobbying firms at a cost \$1,529,979 to lobby the Legislature on their behalf. Twelve of these lobbyists or firms received \$50,000 or more from local governments. These twelve lobbyists and firms received a combined total of \$981,089, accounting for 64.1 percent of all contract lobbying expenditures by Minnesota local governments. The twelve contract lobbyists are:

Best & Flanagan	\$103,049	Kilpatrick & Coty	\$73,315
Capitol Hill Associates	\$92,724	Messerli & Kramer	\$166,356
Cassidy & Associates	\$61,353	North State Advisors	\$61,500
Doherty, Rumble & Butler	\$107,454	Redmond & Associates	\$52,083
Flaherty & Koebele	\$65,051	Ronald Jerich & Associates	\$85,900
Gilbert, Mary	\$58,804	Sandvig, Linda	\$53,500

Other Lobbying Expenditures on Behalf of Local Governments

While 95 local government units have opted to pay lobbyists directly to lobby on their behalf, most local governments rely on various local government organizations to represent them at the Legislature.² These local government organizations charge membership dues to individual local governments throughout the state. Most local government associations provide administrative assistance in addition to lobbying services for their members. The amount of resources spent by these organizations on lobbying varies substantially from one organization to another but the amount expended on lobbying activities is reported to the State Ethical Practices Board.

In 1995, 27 local government organizations filed lobbying expenditure reports with the State Ethical Practices Board. The reporting form used by the Ethical Practices Board requires lobbying organizations to report their expenditures within the broad ranges of \$0 to 500; \$501 to \$50,000;

Organizations representing local governments spent between \$1.6 and \$3.6 million lobbying the Legislature in 1995.

The local government organizations identified in this report do not include various professional organizations, other than local government management associations, that lobby on behalf of specific professional occupations within local governments. For example, the Minnesota Education Association (MEA) is registered with the State Ethical Practices Board. However, since the organization does not specifically represent school districts or school district management personnel, the MEA's lobbying expenditures are not included in this report.

\$50,001 to \$150,000; \$150,001 to \$250,000; and, \$250,001 to \$500,000. Because of these broad ranges, it is impossible to determine precisely how much was spent by these organizations. Based on the limited expenditure data available, the total expenditures reported by the 27 local government organizations fall somewhere between \$1,557,525 and \$3,601,000. When the direct lobbying expenditures are included, the total amount of 1995 local tax dollars spent on lobbying the state Legislature ranged from \$4,045,007 to \$6,088,482. The 27 local government organizations include:

- nine organizations that represented the interests of school districts:
- six organizations that represented the interests of cities;
- five organizations that represented the interests of local economic development and housing organizations;
- two organizations that represented the interests of counties; and,
- five organizations that represented other local government interests.

Local Government Organizations With Highest Lobbying Expenditures

Among the 27 local government organizations that lobbied the Legislature on behalf of their local government members, six organizations reported lobbying expenditures in excess of \$150,000. These organizations are:

Association of Metropolitan Municipalities	\$150,001 to \$250,000
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities	\$500,001 to \$750,000
League of Minnesota Cities	\$250,001 to \$500,000
Metropolitan Inter-County Association	\$150,001 to \$250,000
Minnesota School Boards Association	\$150,001 to \$250,000
Schools for Equity in Education	\$150,001 to \$250,000

DATA TABLES

Table 1
1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures
Employee and Contract Lobbyists

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract or Employee Lobbyist	Amount of Contract	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Anoka County Anoka County Anoka County	Bennett, Marcia Jerich, Tricia Ronald Jerich & Associates	0 0 32,400	54,526 10,822 0	3,825 488 0	58,352 11,310 32,400
Anoka County Total		32,400	65,348	4,313	102,061
Carlton County	Ongaro, John	2,000	0	0	2,000
City of Austin	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0		1,647
City of Benson	Flaherty & Koebele	1,947	0	0	1,947
City of Benson Economic Development	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0	412
City of Benson Total		2,359	0	0	2,359
City of Bloomington	Messerli & Kramer	23,643	0	0	23,643
City of Bloomington	Renner, Robert (for MLC)*	12,500	0	. 0	12,500
City of Bloomington Total		36,143	0	0	36,143
City of Brooklyn Park	Publicorp, Inc.	2,625	0	0_	2,625
City of Bumsville	Robert, Renner (for MLC)*	3,000	0	0	3,000
City of Circle Pines	Suburban Rate Authority	400	0	0	400
City of Crystal	North Metropolitan Highway 100 Council	3,000	0	0	3,000
City of Crystal	North Metro Mayors Association	14,575	0	0	14,575
City of Crystal Total		17,575	0	0	17,575
City of Detroit Lakes	Flaherty & Koebele	824_	0	0_	824
City of Duluth	APCO Associates, Inc.	31,796	0	1,796	33,592
City of Duluth	Publicorp, Inc.	40,329	0	333	40,662
City of Duluth Total		72,125	0	2,129	74,254
City of Eagan	Renner, Robert (MLC) *	12,500	0	247	12,747

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City of Eden Prairie	Renner, Robert (MLC) *	12,000	0	0	12,000
City of Edma	Renner, Robert (MLC) *	12,000	0	1,000	13,000
City of Elk River	Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren	825	0	0	825
City of Faribault	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	<u> </u>	1,647
City of Fergus Falls City of Fergus Falls City of Fergus Falls Total	Flaherty & Koebele North State Advisors & Associates	1,235 19,500 20,735	0 0 0	0 0 0	1,235 19,500 20,735
City of Fridley	Casserly, Molzahn & Associates, Inc.	1,475	0	0	1,475
City of Hopkins	Doherty, Rumble, & Butler	107,126	0	328	107,454
City of Houston	Legislative Associates, Inc.	2,400	0	<u> </u>	2,400
City of International Falls	Flaherty & Koebele	9,122	0	0	9,122
City of Lake Elmo	Leonard, Street & Deinard	49	0	<u> </u>	49
City of Lakeville	Renner, Robert (for MLC) *	9,045	0	0	9,045
City of Litchfield	Flaherty & Koebele	824	0	0	<u>824</u>
City of Little Falls	Flaherty & Koebele	824	0	0	<u>824</u>
City of Loretto	NW League of Municipalities	64_	0	0	64
City of Mankato	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	0	1,647
City of Maplewood	Renner, Robert (for MLC) *	10,218	0	0	10,218_

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City of Marshall	Flaherty & Koebele	1,235	0	0	1.235
City of Minneapolis	Bamhart, William Bush, Janel Ehrlichmann, Thomas Hart – Kajer, Andrea Holm, Patty North State Advisors & Associates Van Wychen, Jeffrey	0 0 0 0 0 42,000	38,915 2,912 40,023 66,003 20,375 0 71,058	1,562 0 223 1,697 0 0 1,338	40,477 2,912 40,246 67,700 20,375 42,000 72,396
City of Minneapolis Total	vai wydiei, jeiney	42,000	239,284	4,820	286,104
City of Minnetonka	Renner, Robert (for MLC) *	12,500	0	0	12,500
City of Montevideo	Flaherty & Koebele	912	0	0	912
City of Moorhead City of Moorhead City of Moorhead Total	Flaherty & Koebele Kilpatrick & Coty	16,624 66,613 83,237	0 0	421 6,702 7,123	17,045 73,315 90,360
City of Morris City of Morris Total	Flaherty & Koebele Publicorp, Inc.	412 2,795 3,207	0 0 0	0 0 0	412 2,795 3,207
City of New Ulm	Flaherty & Koebele	1,235	0	0	1,235
City of Oakdale	Publicorps, Inc.	3,381	0	0	3,381
City of Owatonna	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	0	1,647
City of Pipestone	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0	412
City of Plymouth	Renner, Robert (for MLC) *	12,500	0	0	12,500

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City of Red Wing	Flaherty & Koehele	10,000	0	8010,080
City of Richfield	Ehlers & Associates	289	0	0289
City of Rochester	Flaherty & Koebele	4,942	0	04,942
City of Roseville City of Roseville City of Roseville Total	Renner, Robert (for MLC)* Ehlers & Associates	10,046 609 10,655	0 0	0 10,046 0 609 0 10,655
City of Rushford	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0412
City of Sauk Rapids HRA	Flaherty & Koebele	824	0	0 824
City of Savage	Dorsey & Whitney	27,052	0	027,052
City of Shakopee City of Shakopee City of Shakopee City of Shakopee Total	Southwest Coalition Suburban Transit Association Renner, Robert (for MLC)*	1,680 3,000 1,910 6,590	0 0 0	0 1,680 0 3,000 0 1,910 0 6,590
City of Shoreview	Renner, Robert (for MLC)*	7,719	0	0 7,719
City of Stewartville	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0412
City of Stillwater	Legislative Associates	44,805	0	1,700 46,505
City of St. Charles	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0412
City of St. Cloud/St. Cloud HRA	Flaherty & Koebele	2,471	0	0 2,471
City of St. James	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0412
City of St. Louis Park	Popham & Haik Law Firm	5,830	0	0 5,830

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract or Employee Lobbyist	Amount of Contract	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
City of St. Paul City of St. Paul	Armstrong, Charles Faricy, Raymond	0	16,702 27,713	0	16,702 27,713
City of St. Paul	Minnesota Solutions	5,500	0	0	5,500
City of St. Paul Total	에 가능하게 하게 되었다. 그런 그 사람들은 그리고 있다. 	5,500	44,415	0	49,915
City of Warroad	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	0	412
City of Winona Port Authority	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	0	1,647
City of Woodbury	Renner, Robert (for MLC)*	7,762	0	0	7,762
Cook County	Ongaro, John	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dakota County	Schreiner, Margaret	0	12,344	1,016	13,360
Dakota County	Capitol Hill Associates	61,000 61,000	12,344	1,615	62,615
Dakota County Total		01,000	12,544	2,631	75,975
Hennepin County	Davidson, Mary Beth	0	45,811	700	46,511
Hennepin County	Failor, Greg	0	39,785	1,464	41,249
Hennepin County	Loeffler, Diane	0	46,268	797	47,065
Hennepin County	Staebler, Jim	40.000	40,333	1,116	41,449
Hennepin County	Best & Flanagan	48,000	172,197	2,000	50,000
Hennepin County Total		48,000	1/2,19/	6,077	226,274
SSD 1 - Minneapolis	Sandvig, Linda	53,000	0	500	53,500
ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin	Lundell, Brad	29,000	0	0	29,000
ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin	Ronald Jerich & Associates	36,000	0	0	36,000
ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin Total		65,000	0	0	65,000
ISD 12 - Centennial	Lundell, Brad	1,200	0	0	1,200
ISD 91 - Bamum	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	1,868	0	0	1,868

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract or Employee Lobbyist	Amount of Contract	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
ISD 93 — Carlton	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	2,010	0	0	2,010
ISD 94 — Cloquet	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	3,993	0	0	3,993
ISD 95 — Cromwell	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	1,435	0	0	1,435
ISD 99 – Esko	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	2,195	0	0	2,195
ISD 100 — Wrenshall	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	1,519	0	0	1,519
ISD 166 - Cook County	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	1,908	0	0	1,908
ISD 196 - Rosemount	Hauser, Laura	0	16,475	<u>793</u>	17,268
ISD 279 – Maple Grove	Goff & Hoffman, Inc.	30,000	0	0	30,000
ISD 381 - Lake Superior	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	3,174	0	0	3,174
ISD 625 - St. Paul	Gilbert, Mary	57,713	0	1,091	58,804
ISD 700 - Hermantown	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	3,789	0	0	3,789
ISD 704 - Proctor	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools	3,754	0	0	3,754
ISD 709 - Duluth	Soberg, Ron	0	28,226	6,242	34,468
ISD 727 - Big Lake	Matejka, Glen	2,300	0	0	2,300
Itasca County	Ongaro, John	2,000	0	0	2,000
Kittson County	Dan Larson & Associates; Doherty, Rumble & Butle	r <u>1,000</u>	0	0	1,000

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Name of Jurisdiction	Contract or Employee Lobbyist	Amount of Contract	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Koochiching County	Ongaro, John	2,000	0	0	2,000
Koochiching County	Dan Larson & Associates	592	0	0	592
Koochiching County	Natural Resources Board	3,500	0	0	3,500
Koochiching County Total		6,092	0	0	6,092
Lake County	Ongaro, John	2,000	0	0	2,000
Lake County	Dan Larson & Associates	4,000	0	401	4,401
Laké County Total		6,000	0	401	6,401
Metropolitan Airports Commission	Dombrowski, David	0	54,994	0	54,994
Metropolitan Airports Commission	McGrann, Shea, Franzen, Carnival, Straughn & Lamb	35,285	0	855	36,140
Metropolitan Airports Commission	Messerli & Kramer	17,743	0	23	17,766
Metropolitan Aimorts Commission Total		53,028	54,994	878	108,900
Metropolitan Council	Groschen, Eunice	0	29,240	300	29,540
Metropolitan Council	Kuehn, Mike	0	12,858	0	12,858
Metropolitan County	Lashomb, Bob	0	68,850	400	69,250
Metropolitan Council Total		0	110,948	700	111,648
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	Dobbert, Dan	0	11,524	100	11,624
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	Capitol Hill Associates	30,000	0	109	30,109
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Total		30,000	11,524	209	41,733
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Leonard, O'Brien, Wilford, Spencer & Gale	8,000	. 0	0	8,000
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	O'Neill, Grills & O'Neill	18,700	0	0	18,700
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Redmond & Associates	52,083	0	0	52,083
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Ronald Jerich & Associates	17,500	0	0	17,500
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Total	The state of the s	96,283		0	96,283
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Best & Flanagan	83	0	0	83
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Best & Flanagan	31,185	0	496	31,681
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Best & Flanagan	7,302	0	163	7,465
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Best & Flanagan	13,073	0	747	13,820
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Total		51,643	0	1,406	53,049

Table 1 1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures Employee and Contract Lobbyists

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract or Employee Lobbyist	Amount of Contract	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Minnesota Residential Academies for the Deaf & Blind	Armagost, Robert	<u>8,981</u>	0	1,676	10,657
Olmsted County	Caucutt, Amy	0	22,125	1,034	23,159
Ramsey County Regional Railroad	Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren	34,000	0	0	34,000
Ramsey County (Board of Commissioners) Total	Abts, James Lindeke, Theresa Spano & Janacek	0 0 38,687 38,687	45,880 62,882 0 108,762	854 3,019 0 3,873	46,734 65,901 38,687 151,322
Scott County Scott County Scott County Total	Boland & Associates Cassidy & Associates	48,000 60,000 108,000	0 0 0	0 1,353 1,353	48,000 61,353 109,353
St. Louis County St. Louis County St. Louis County Total	Ongaro, John North Shore Forest Products	0 21,760 21,760	41,118 0 41,118	2,775 0 2,775	43,893 21,760 65,653
Washington County	Susan Ladwig & Associates	30,000	0	0	30,000
Statewide Total		1,506,343	927,760	53,379	2,487,482

^{*} Messerli & Kramer lobbies on behalf of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC).

Table 2
1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures
Employee Lobbyists

Name of Jurisdiction	Name of Employee Lobbyist	Annu al Salary	Annual Cost of Employee's Benefits	Percent Of Time Spent Lobbying	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Anoka County	Bennett, Marcia	66,561	10,237	71.0%	54,527	3,825	58,352
Anoka County	Jerich, Tricia	19,652	2,433	49.0%	10,822	488	11,310
Anoka County Total		86,213	12,670	N/A	65,348	4,313	69,661
City of Minneapolis	Bamhart, William	65,018	12,811	50.0%	38,915	1,562	40,477
City of Minneapolis	Bush, Janel	16,867	2,545	15.0%	2,912	0	2,912
City of Minneapolis	Ehrlichmann, Thomas	70,938	9,107	50.0%	40,023	223	40,246
City of Minneapolis	Hart - Kajer, Andrea	56,915	9,088	100.0%	66,003	1,697	67,700
City of Minneapolis	Holm, Patty	34,366	6,383	50.0%	20,375	0	20,375
City of Minneapolis	Van Wychen, Jeffrey	59,070	11,988	100.0%	71,058	1,338	72,396
City of Minneapolis Total		303,174	51,922	<u>N/A</u>	239,284	4,820	244,104
City of St. Paul	Armstrong, Charles	49,514	6,159	30.0%	16,702	0	16,702
City of St. Paul	Faricy, Raymond	41,080	5,109	60.0%	27,713	0	27,713
City of St. Paul Total		90,594	11,268	N/A	44,415	0	44,415
Dakota County	Schreiner, Margaret	40,879	6,597	26.0%	12,344	1,016	13,360
Hennep in County	Davidson, Mary Beth	51,592	9,489	75.0%	45,811	700	46,511
Hennepin County	Failor, Greg	46,144	6,903	75.0%	39,785	1,464	41,249
Hennepin County	Loeffler, Diane	53,597	8,093	75.0%	46,268	797	47,065
Hennepin County	Staebler, Jim	70,941	9,725	50.0%	40,333	1,116	41,449
Hennepin County Total		222,274	34,210	N/A	172,197	4,077	176,274
ISD 196 - Rosemount	Hauser, Laura	50,094	8,744	28.0%	16,475	793	17,268
ISD 709 - Duluth	Soberg, Ron	58,124	12,441	40.0%	28,226	6,242	34,468
Metropolitan Airports Commission	Dombrowski, David	76,854	14,802	60.0%	54,994	0	54,994
Metropolitan Council	Groschen, Eunice	43,668	15,283	49.6%	29,240	300	29,540
Metropolitan County	Kuehn, Mike	44,300	15,505	21.5%	12,858	0	12,858
Metropolitan Council	Lashomb, Bob	51,000	17,850	100.0%	68,850	400	69,250
Metropolitan Council Total		138,968	48,638	N/A	110,948	700	111,648

Table 2
1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures
Employee Lobbyists

Name of Jurisdiction	Name of Employee Lo	bbyist	Annual Salary	Annual Cost of Employee's Benefits	Percent Of Time Spent Lobbying	Salary & Benefits Related to Lobbying	Expenses Related to Lobbying	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	Dobbert, Dan		40,866	16,755	20.0%	11,524	100	11,624
Olmsted County	Caucutt, Amy		37,290	6,960	50.0%	22,125	1,034	23,159
Ramsey County Ramsey County Ramsey County Total	Abts, James Lindeke, Theresa		72,676 73,073 145,749	10,743 10,769 21,512	55.0% 75.0% N/A	45,880 62,882 108,762	854 3,019 3,873	46,734 65,901 112,635
St. Louis County	Ongaro, John		62,789	<u>11,971</u>	55.0%	41,118	2,775	43,893
Statewide Total			1,353,868	258,490	<u>N/A</u>	927,760	29,743	957,503

Table 3
1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures
Contract Lobbyists

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Anoka County	Jerich, Ronald	Ronald Jerich & Associates	32,400	0	32,400
Carlton County	Ongaro, John	Arrowhead Counties Association	2,000	0	2,000
City of Austin	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	1,647
City of Benson City of Benson Economic Development City of Benson Economic Development To	Flaherty & Koebele Flaherty & Koebele al	Flaherty & Koebele Flaherty & Koebele	1,947 412 2,359	0 0 0	1,947 412 2,359
City of Bloomington City of Bloomington City of Bloomington Total	Messerli & Kramer Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	23,643 12,500 36,143	0 0 0	23,643 12,500 36,143
City of Brooklyn Park	Publicorp, Inc.	Publicorp, Inc.	2,625	0	2,625
City of Bumsville	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	3,000	0	3,000
City of Circle Pines	Suburban Rate Authority	Suburban Rate Authority	400	0	400
City of Crystal City of Crystal City of Crystal Total	North Metro Highway 100 Council North Metro Mayors Association	North Metropolitan Highway 100 Council North Metro Mayors Association	3,000 14,575 17,575	0 0 0	3,000 14,575 17,575
City of Detroit Lakes	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	824	0	<u>824</u>
City of Duluth City of Duluth City of Duluth City of Duluth Total	Bissen, Robert Ranieri, Eugene	APCO Associates, Inc. Publicorp, Inc.	31,796 40,329 72,125	1,796 333 2,129	33,592 40,662 74,254
City of Eagan	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	12,500	247	12,747
City of Eden Prairie	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	12,000	0	12,000
City of Edina	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	12,000	1,000	13,000

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Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
City of Elk River	Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren	Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren	825	0	825
City of Faribault	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Kœbele	1,647	0	1,647
City of Fergus Falls City of Fergus Falls City of Fergus Falls Total	Flaherty & Koebele Horazdovsky, David	Flaherty & Koebele North State Advisors & Associates	1,235 19,500 20,735	0 0 0	1,235 19,500 20,735
City of Fridley	Balach, Bonnie	Casserly, Molzahn & Associates, Inc.	1,475	0	1,475
City of Hopkins	Minne, L.	· Doherty, Rumble, & Butler	107,126	328	107,454
City of Houston	Cain, Ed	Legislative Associates, Inc.	2,400	0	2,400
City of International Falls	Flaherty, Tim	Flaherty & Koebele	9,122	0	9,122
City of Lake Emo	Sampson, Ellen/Steckma, Pam	Leonard, Street & Deinard	49	0	49
City of Lakeville	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	9,045	0	9,045
City of Litchfield	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	824	0	824
City of Little Falls	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	<u>824</u>	0	824
City of Loretto	NW League of Municipalities	NW League of Municipalities	64_	0	64
City of Mankato	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	1,647
City of Maplewood	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	10,218	0	10,218
City of Marshall	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,235	0	1,235
City of Minneapolis	Kozak, Andy	North State Advisors & Associates	42,000	0	42,000
City of Minnetonka	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	12,500	0	12,500

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Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
City of Montevideo	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	912	0	912
City of Moorhead City of Moorhead City of Moorhead Total	Flaherty & Koebele Kilpatrick & Coty	Flaherty & Koebele Kilpatrick & Coty	16,624 66,613 83,237	421 6,702 7,123	17,045 73,315 90,360
City of Morris City of Morris City of Morris Total	Flaherty & Koebele Ranieri, Eugene	Flaherty & Koebele Publicorp, Inc.	412 2,795 3,207	0 0 0	412 2,795 3,207
City of New Ulm	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,235	0	1,235
City of Oakdale	Ranieri, Eugene	Publicorps, Inc.	3,381_	0	3,381
City of Owatonna	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	1,647
City of Pipestone	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of Plymouth	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	12,500_	0	12,500
City of Red Wing	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	10,000_	80_	10,080
City of Richfield	Ranieri, Eugene	Ehlers & Associates	289	0	289
City of Rochester	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	4,942	0	4,942
City of Roseville City of Roseville City of Roseville Total	Ehlers & Associates Renner, Robert	Ehlers & Associates Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	609 10,046 10,655	0 0 0	609 10,046 10,655
City of Rushford	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of Sauk Rapids HRA	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	<u>824</u>	0	824_
City of Savage	Fontaine, Greg	Dorsey & Whitney	27,052	0	27,052

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
City of Shakopee	Renner, Robert Southwest Coalition	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC) Southwest Coalition	1,910	0	1,910
City of Shakopee City of Shakopee City of Shakopee Total	Suburban Transit Association	Suburban Transit Association	1,680 3,000 6,590	0 0	1,680 3,000 6,590
City of Shoreview	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	7,719	0	7,719
City of Stewartville	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of Stillwater	Cain, Ed	Legislative Associates	44,805	1,700	46,505
City of St. Charles	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of St. Cloud/St. Cloud HRA	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	2,471	0	2,471
City of St. James	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of St. Louis Park	Hanson, Karen	Popham & Haik Law Firm	5,830	0	5,830
City of St. Paul	Balach, Bonnie	Minnesota Solutions	5,500	0	5,500
City of Warroad	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	412	0	412
City of Winona Port Authority	Flaherty & Koebele	Flaherty & Koebele	1,647	0	1,647
City of Woodbury	Renner, Robert	Messerli & Kramer (for MLC)	7,762	0	7,762
Cook County	Ongaro, John	Arrowhead Counties Association	1,000	0	1,000
Dakota County	Tilley, Barry	Capitol Hill Associates	61,000	1,615	62,615
Hennepin County	Best & Flanagan	Best & Flanagan	48,000	2,000	50,000
SSD 1 - Minneapolis	Sandvig, Linda	Sandvig, Linda	53,000	500	53,500

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Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin Total	Jerich, Ronald Lundell, Brad	Ronald Jerich & Associates Lundell, Brad	36,000 29,000 65,000	0 0 0	36,000 29,000 65,000
ISD 12 — Centennial	Lundell, Brad	Lundell, Brad	1,200	0	1,200
ISD 91 — Barnum	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area School	l <u>s 1,868</u>	0	1,868
ISD 93 — Carlton	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area School	<u>2,010</u>	0	2,010
ISD 94 - Cloquet	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area School	l <u>s3,993</u>	0	3,993
ISD 95 — Cromwell	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area School	ls <u>1,435</u>		1,435
ISD 99 – Esko	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schoo	l <u>e 2,195</u>	0	2,195
ISD 100 - Wrenshall	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schoo	l <u>s1,519</u>	0	1,519
ISD 166 - Cook County	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area School	ls <u>1,908</u>	0	1,908
ISD 279 - Maple Grove	Cohen, Phil/Goff, Bob	Goff & Hoffman, Inc.	30,000	0	30,000
ISD 381 - Lake Superior	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schoo	ls <u>3,174</u>	0	3,174
ISD 625 — St. Paul	Gilbert, Mary	Gilbert, Mary	57,713	1,091	58,804
ISD 700 — Hermantown	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schoo	l <u>e 3,789</u>	0	3,789
ISD 704 — Proctor	Northey, Lyle	Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schoo	ls <u>3,754</u>	0	3,754
ISD 727 - Big Lake	Matejka, Glen	Matejka, Glen	2,300	0	2,300
Itasca County	Ongaro, John	Arrowhead Counties Association	2,000	0	2,000
Kittson County	Larson, Dan; and,	Doherty, Rumble & Butler	1,000	0	1,000

Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
Koochiching County	Larson, Dan	Dan Larson & Associates	592	0	592
Koochiching County	Larson, Dan	Natural Resources Board	3,500	0	3,500
Koochiching County	Ongaro, John	Arrowhead Counties Association	2,000	0	2,000
Koochiching County Total			6,092	0	6,092
Lake County	Larson, Dan	Dan Larson & Associates	4,000	401	4,401
Lake County	Ongaro, John	Arrowhead Counties Association	2,000	0	2,000
Lake County Total			6,000	401	6,401
Metropolitan Airports Commission	McGrann, Shea, Franzen & Associates	McGrann, Shea, Franzen & Associates	35,285	855	36,140
Metropolitan Airports Commission	Messerli & Kramer	Messerli & Kramer	17,743	23	17,766
Metropolitan Airports Commission Total			53,028	878	53,906
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	Tilley, Barry	Capitol Hill Associates	30,000	109	30,109
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Jerich, Ronald	Ronald Jerich & Associates	17,500	0	17,500
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Leonard, O'Brien, Wilford & et al.	Leonard, O'Brien, Wilford & et al.	8,000	0	8,000
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	O'Neill, Joseph	O'Neill, Grills & O'Neill	18,700	0	18,700
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Redmond, Larry	Redmond & Associates	52,083	0	52,083
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	Total		96,283	0	96,283
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Johnson, D.	Best & Flanagan	7,302	163	7,465
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Michaels, J.	Best & Flanagan	83	0	83
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Naumann, J.	Best & Flanagan	13,073	747	13,820
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Rice, B.	Best & Flanagan	31,185	496	31,681
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Tota	1		51,643	1,406_	53,049
MN Residential Academies for the Deaf & Blind	Armagost, Robert	Armagost, Robert	<u>8,981</u>	1,676_	10,657
Ramsey County Regional Railroad	Seck, Jerry	Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren	34,000	0	34,000
Ramsey County (Board of Commissioners)	Spano, Wyman	Spano & Janacek	38,687_	0	38,687
Scott County	Boland, John	Boland & Associates	48,000	0	48,000
Scott County	McNamara, Dan	Cassidy & Associates	60,000	1,353	61,353
Scott County Total			108,000	1,353	109,353

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Name of Jurisdiction	Contract Lobbyist	Firm Name	Amount of Contract	Expenses Related to Expenses	Total Lobbying Expenditures
St. Louis County	Fischer, Harry	North Shore Forest Products	21,760	0	21,760
Washington County	Ladwig, Susan	Susan Ladwig & Associates	30,000	0	30,000
Statewide Total			1,506,343	23,636	1,529,979

Table 4
1995 Local Governments Lobbying Expenditures
Lobbyist Contracts

Name of Lobbyist or Firm	Amount of Contract	Expense Reimbursements Paid in 1995	Total Amount Received
APCO Associates, Inc.			
City of Duluth	31,796	1,796	33,592
Armagost, Robert			
Minnesota Residential Academies for the Deaf & Blind	8,981	1,676	10,657
Arrowhead Counties Association (St. Louis County)			
Carlton County	2,000	0	2,000
Cook County	1,000	0	1,000
Itasca County	2,000	0	2,000
Koochiching County	2,000	0	2,000
Lake County	2,000	0	2,000
Arrowhead Counties Association Total	9,000	0	9,000
Best & Flanagan			
Hennepin County	48,000	2,000	50,000
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	13,073	747	13,820
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	31,185	496	31,681
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	83	0	83
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	7,302	163	7,465
Best & Flanagan Total	99,643	3,406	103,049
Daland 6 Association		•	
Boland & Associates	40.000	0	40.000
Scott County	48,000		48,000
Capitol Hill Associates			
Dakota County	61,000	1,615	62,615
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	30,000	109	30,109
Capitol Hill Associates Total	91,000	1,724	92,724
Casserly, Molzahn & Associates, Inc.			
City of Fridley	1,475	0	1,475
Cassidy & Associates			
Scott County	60,000	1,353	61,353
Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools (Lyle North	hav		
ISD 91 — Barnum	1,868	0	1,868
ISD 93 — Barnum ISD 93 — Carlton	2,010	0	2,010
		0	
ISD 94 - Cloquet ISD 95 - Cromwell	3,993		3,993 1 425
	1,435	0	1,435
ISD 99 - Esko	2,195	0	2,195
ISD 100 - Wrenshall	1,519	0	1,519
ISD 166 - Cook County	1,908	0	1,908
ISD 381 - Lake Superior	3,174	0	3,174

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Name of Lobbyist or Firm	Amount of Contract	Expense Reimbursements Paid in 1995	Total Amount Received
Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools (cont.)			
ISD 700 – Hermantown	3,789	0	3,789
ISD 704 - Proctor	3,754	0	3,754
Consortium for Lake Superior Area Schools Total	25,645	0	25,645
Dan Larson & Associates			
Koochiching County	592	0	592
Koochiching County	3,500	0	3,500
Lake County	4,000	401	4,401
Kittson County	1,000	0	1,000
Dan Larson & Associates Total	9,092	401	9,493
Dan Emilion de l'issociates Tour			
Doherty, Rumble, & Butler			
City of Hopkins	107,126	328	107,454
Donacy & Whitney			
Dorsey & Whitney City of Savage	27,052	0	27.052
City of Savage		V	27,052
Ehlers & Associates			
City of Richfield	289	0	289
City of Roseville	609	0	609
Ehlers & Associates Total	898	0	898
Flaherty & Koebele			
City of Austin	1,647	0	1,647
City of Benson	1,947	0	1,947
City of Benson Economic Development	412	0	412
City of Detroit Lakes	824	0	824
City of Faribault	1,647	0	1,647
City of Fergus Falls	1,235	0	1,235
City of International Falls	9,122	0	9,122
City of Litchfield	824	0	824
City of Little Falls	824	0	824
City of Mankato	1,647	0	1,647
City of Marshall	1,235	0	1,235
City of Montevideo	412	0	412
City of Montevideo	500	0	500
City of Moorhead	14,977	421	15,398
City of Moorhead	1,647	0	1,647
City of Morris	412	0	412
City of New Ulm	1,235	0	1,235
City of Owatonna	1,647	0	1,647
City of Pipestone	412	0	412
City of Red Wing	10,000	80	10,080
City of Rochester	4,942	0	4,942

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Name of Lobbyist or Firm	Amount of Contract	Expense Reimbursements Paid in 1995	Total Amount Received
Flaherty & Koebele (cont.)			
City of Rushford	412	0	412
City of Sauk Rapids HRA	824	0	824
City of Stewartville	412	0	412
City of St. Charles	412	0	412
City of St. Cloud/St. Cloud HRA	2,471	0	2,471
City of St. James	412	0	412
City of Warroad	412	0	412
City of Winona Port Authority	1,647	0	1,647
Flaherty & Koebele Total	64,550	501	65,051
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Gilbert, Mary			
ISD 625 - St. Paul	57,713		58,804
Goff & Hoffman, Inc.			
ISD 279 - Maple Grove	30,000	0	30,000
Kilpatrick & Coty			
City of Moorhead	66,613	6,702	73,315
Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren			
City of Elk River	825	0	825
Ramsey County Regional Railroad	34,000	0	34,000
Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren Total	34,825	0	34,825
Legislative Associates			
City of Stillwater	44,805	1,700	46,505
City of Houston	2,400	0	2,400
Legislative Associates Total	47,205	1,700	48,905
Leonard, O'Brien, Wilford, Spencer & Gale			•
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	8,000		8,000
Leonard, Street & Deinard			
City of Lake Elmo	49		49
Lundell, Brad			
ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin	29,000	0	29,000
ISD 12 - Centennial	1,200	0	1,200
Lundell, Brad Total	30,200	0	30,200
Matejka, Glen			
ISD 727 - Big Lake	2,300		2,300

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Name of Lobbyist or Firm	Amount of Contract	Expense Reimbursements Paid in 1995	Total Amount Received
McGrann, Shea, Franzen, Carnival, Straughn & Lamb			
Metropolitan Airports Commission	35,285	855	36,140
Messerli & Kramer			
City of Bloomington	23,643	0	23,643
City of Bloomington	12,500	0	12,500
City of Burnsville	3,000	. 0	3,000
City of Eagan	12,500	247	12,747
City of Eden Prairie	12,000	0	12,000
City of Edina	12,000	1,000	13,000
City of Lakeville	9,045	0	9,045
City of Maplewood	10,218		10,218
City of Minnetonka	12,500	0	12,500
City of Plymouth	12,500	0	12,500
City of Roseville	10,046	0	10,046
City of Shakopee	1,910	0	1,910
City of Shoreview	7,719	0	7,719
City of Woodbury	7,762	0	7,762
Metropolitan Airports Commission	17,743	. 23	17,766
Messerli & Kramer Total	165,086	1,270	166,356
Messelli & Klainel Total	103,000		100,330
Minnesota Solutions			
City of St. Paul	5,500	0	5,500
City of St. 1 auf	3,300	<u> </u>	3,300
North Metro Mayors Association	44	•	
City of Crystal	14,575		14,575
North Metropolitan Highway 100 Council			
City of Crystal	3,000	0	3,000
City of Citysian			3,000
North Shore Forest Products			
St. Louis County	21,760	0	21,760
North State Advisors & Associates			
City of Fergus Falls	19,500	0	19,500
City of Minneapolis	42,000	0	42,000
North State Advisors & Associates Total	61,500	0	61,500
NW League of Municipalities			
City of Loretto	64	0	64
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O'Neill, Grills & O'Neill		_	
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	<u> 18,700</u>		18,700

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Name of Lobbyist or Firm	Amount of Contract	Expense Reimbursements Paid in 1995	Total Amount Received
Popham & Haik Law Firm City of St. Louis Park	5,830	0	5,830
Publicarns Inc			
Publicorps, Inc. City of Oakdale	3,381	0	3,381
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City of Brooklyn Park	2,625		2,625
City of Duluth	40,329	333	40,662
City of Morris	2,795	333	2,795
Publicorps, Inc. Total	49,130		49,463
Redmond & Associates			
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	52,083	0	52,083
Ronald Jerich & Associates Anoka County ISD 11 - Anoka/Hennepin Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Ronald Jerich & Associates Total	32,400 36,000 17,500 85,900	0 0 0 0	32,400 36,000 17,500
Rohald Jeffell & Associates Total	65,900	-	85,900
Sandvig, Linda SSD 1 - Minneapolis	53,000	500	53,500
Southwest Coalition			
City of Shakopee	1,680		1,680
Spano & Janacek			
Ramsey County (Board of Commissioners)	38,687		38,687
Suburban Rate Authority City of Circle Pines	400		400
Suburban Transit Association City of Shakopee	3,000		3,000
Susan Ladwig & Associates Washington County	30,000		30,000
Statewide Total	1,506,343	23,636	1,529,979

Table 5
1995 Lobbying Expenditures by Local Government Organization

Association Name	Low Range	-	High Range
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	501	to	50,000
Association of Metropolitan Municipalities	150,001	to	250,000
Association of Metropolitan School Districts	50,001	to	150,000
Association of Minnesota Counties	50,001	to	150,000
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities	500,001	to	750,000
Joint Powers Natural Resources Board	501	to	50,000
League of Minnesota Cities	250,001	to	500,000
Metropolitan Economic Development Association	501	to	50,000
Metropolitan Inter – County Association	150,001	to	250,000
Minnesota Assocation of Local Housing Finance Agencies	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of Small Cities	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of Townships	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Regional Development Organization	501	to	50,000
Minnesota School Boards Association	150,001	to	250,000
Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of County Officers	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of School Administrators	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Association of Secondary Vocational Administrators	501	to	50,000
Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association	0	to	500
Municipal Legislative Commission	50,001	to	150,000
NE Minnesota Development Association	501	to	50,000
North Metro Mayor's Association	50,001	to	150,000
Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board	0	to	500
Range Association of Municipalities and Schools	501	to	50,000
Schools for Equity in Education	150,001	to	250,000
Total	1,557,525	to	3,601,000

Scope and Methodology of Report

This report on the lobbying expenditures of Minnesota counties, cities, school districts and metropolitan agencies is prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statute (1995) § 6.76. The statute requires that:

"On or before January 31, 1990, and each year thereafter, all counties, cities, school districts, metropolitan agencies, regional railroad authorities, and the metropolitan council shall report to the state auditor, on forms prescribed by the auditor, their estimated expenditures paid for the previous calendar year to a lobbyist as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 11, and to any staff person not registered as a lobbyist over 25 percent of whose time is spent during the legislative session on legislative matters."

Many state policies, appropriation and tax laws established by the Minnesota Legislature and state administrative agencies have a direct impact on Minnesota's local governments. Therefore, it is appropriate that local governments work with the Legislature and administrative agencies in the development of these laws and administrative processes. This report is not intended to question the appropriate role of local governments in the state's legislative and administrative process. Instead, it is intended to inform Minnesota citizens of the amount spent by their local governments to lobby the Legislature.

The Office of the State Auditor has collected and published this data for lobbying expenditures made by local governments since 1989. This report summarizes local government lobbying expenditures during calendar year 1995. Due to a change in methodology, reports issued since 1992 are not comparable with earlier reports.³

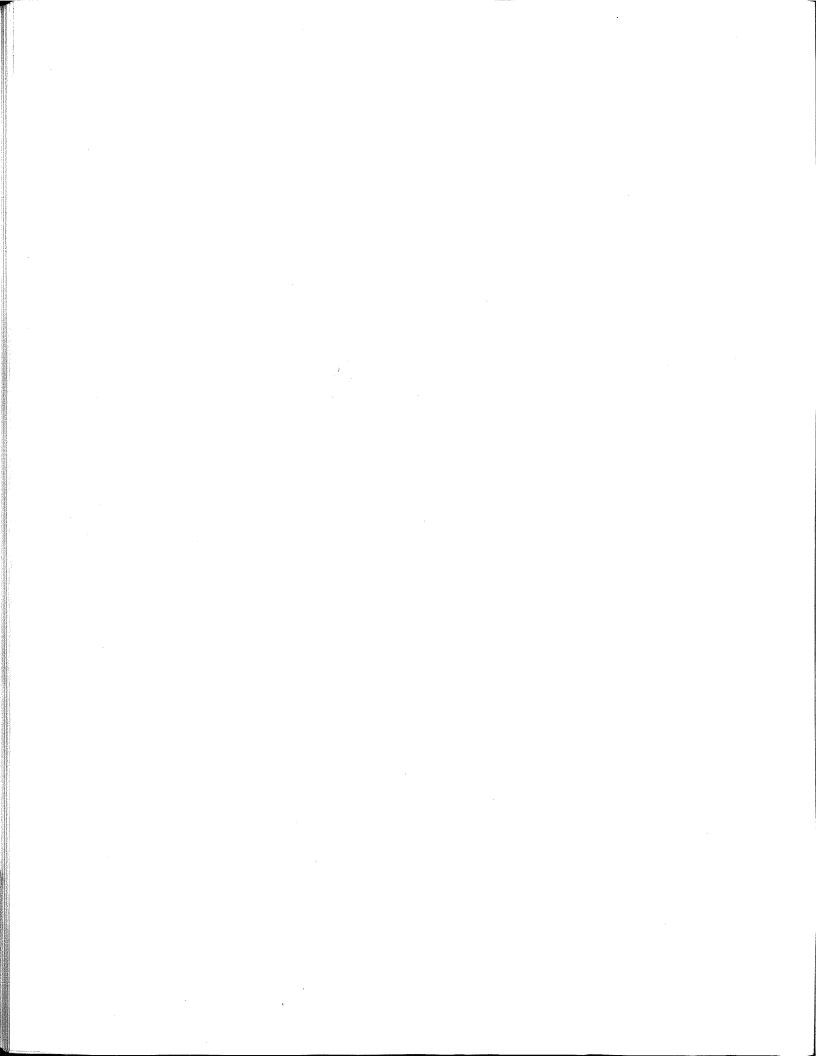
In January of 1996, a lobbying reporting form was mailed to all local governments (see Appendix A). A review of individual lobbyist registrations with the State Ethical Practices Board identified additional local governments that have paid individuals to lobby on their behalf during 1995. The lobbying expenditures are the amounts reported by the local governments. The Office of the State Auditor did not attempt to verify the accuracy of those amounts. The data was cross-referenced against data collected by the State Ethical Practices Board, which requires lobbyists, and organizations that pay lobbyists, to file periodic reports.

While the law requires local governments to report the total annual cost of salaries and benefits of employees who spend more than 25 percent of their time on legislative issues, local governments contend that these figures artificially inflate their total lobbying expenditures. Therefore, for the past four years local governments were asked to report the percentage of an employee's time spent on legislative issues. This percentage was then used to prorate the total annual salary and benefit expenditures of the employee as a means of determining the amount of their total compensation related to legislative issues.



Appendix A

Office of the State Auditor Lobby Disclosure Form



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING 1995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOBBYING EXPENDITURES REPORTING FORM

These instructions are intended to assist you in completing the 1995 Local Government Lobbying Expenditures Reporting Form that is required by Minnesota Statutes § 6.76. While we are asking you to report the total annual salaries and benefits of individual employees who meet the criteria expressed in Chapter 6.76, we are also asking that you estimate the percentage of the employee's time throughout the year that is spent on activities related to lobbying the state.

REPORTING EXPENDITURES FOR CONTRACT LOBBYISTS

Please identify all contract lobbyists retained by your local government and indicate the total amount paid to that individual or firm for lobbying the legislature and/or state administrative agencies, including the amount paid for expenses of that individual or firm. For purposes of this reporting form, a contract lobbyist is any individual or firm, excluding employees of the local government, that meets the definition of a lobbyist as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 10A.01, subdivision 11. Expenditures for Contract Lobbyists do not include dues paid to local government associations that are formed for purposes that extend beyond representing their membership before the legislature and state administrative agencies (e.g. League of Cities, Association of Counties, Minnesota School Boards Associations, etc.).

REPORTING EXPENDITURES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Please identify all employees of the local government who spend more than 25 percent of their time during the legislative session on legislative matters. For each employee listed, provide the employee's estimated <u>annual</u> salary, the employee's estimated <u>annual</u> expense reimbursements, and the estimated <u>annual</u> cost of benefits (health, dental, and employer-paid life insurance and retirement benefits, including employer-paid FICA) for the employee. In addition, estimate the percent of the employee's <u>annual</u> time that is spent lobbying the state legislature and/or state administrative agencies. When estimating the percent of time spent lobbying, please include time spent preparing for legislative sessions, addressing legislative-related issues with local officials, legislators, state agency staff, other local government representatives, local citizens, and other interested organizations. Be sure to include in your estimate the time spent working with state administrative agencies on the development and implementation of administrative rules for programs and policies that affect local governments. Also, estimate the amount of employee expense reimbursements that are related to lobbying the legislature and/or state agencies.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

Please have the form signed by the senior elected or administrative official of your local government. In addition to the signature of the senior elected or administrative official, please provide the name and phone number of the individual who should be contacted if we have questions related to the information provided on this form.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please make copies of this form if you need additional space to complete this form. If you submit more than one page of information, please indicate on each page the total number of pages submitted.

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA STATE AUDITOR 1995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOBBYING EXPENDITURES REPORTING FORM

(Please Print or Type)

Name of Entity:		Person Complet	ing Form:		
City, Zip Code:	Phone Number:				
Pleas	e List All Contract	Lobbyists Retain	ned by the Political S	ubdivision	х
Name of Contract Lobbyist	Fi	rm Name/Address		Total Amount of 1995 Contract	Total Amount of Expense Reimbursements Paid During 1995
Plea			Over 25 Percent Of Tool 19 Do Legislative Matter		
Name of Employee	1995 Annual Salary	1995 Annual Expenses	Estimated Annual (1995) Cost of Employee's Benefits	Estimated Percent of Employee's Annual (1995) Time Spent Lobbying	Estimated Amount of Employee's 1995 Expenses Related to Lobbying
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I hereby certify to the best of my knowle	edge the information p	rovided on this form	is accurate and complete	•	
Signature of the senior elected or appoir	ted official:			Date:	

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