

1 **Lobbying Amendments**

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

5 This bill amends and enacts provisions relating to lobbying.

Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ defines terms;

9 ▶ modifies and clarifies the definitions of lobbyist, lobbying, and a principal;

10 ▶ modifies the limits for certain expenditures;

11 ▶ prohibits consideration, a reward, or an incentive for lobbying that is contingent on
12 certain government action and provides criminal and civil penalties for violation of the
13 prohibition;

14 ▶ replaces the offense of employing or soliciting a person to lobby for contingent
15 compensation with the offense described in the preceding paragraph;

16 ▶ creates an exception to the definition of "expenditure" in relation to certain sporting
17 events, performances, or exhibitions of a state institution of higher education or a
18 private, nonprofit institution of higher education;

19 ▶ amends provisions relating to lobbying by a former state official; and

20 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

22 None

Other Special Clauses:

24 None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

27 **36-11-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 16

28 **36-11-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16

29 **36-11-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16

30 **53-1-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

31 **53-1-106**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 506
32 **63G-23-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 158
33 **67-24-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 360

34 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

35 **36-11-301**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 280

37 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

38 Section 1. Section **36-11-102** is amended to read:

39 **36-11-102 . Definitions.**

40 As used in this chapter:

41 (1) "Aggregate daily expenditures" means:

- 42 (a) for a single lobbyist, principal, or government officer, the total of all expenditures
43 made within a calendar day by the lobbyist, principal, or government officer for the
44 benefit of an individual public official;
- 45 (b) for an expenditure made by a member of a lobbyist group, the total of all
46 expenditures made within a calendar day by every member of the lobbyist group for
47 the benefit of an individual public official; or
- 48 (c) for a mult-client lobbyist, the total of all expenditures made by the mult-client
49 lobbyist within a calendar day for the benefit of an individual public official,
50 regardless of whether the expenditures were attributed to different clients.

51 (2) "Approved activity" means an event, a tour, or a meeting:

- 52 (a)(i) to which a legislator or another nonexecutive branch public official is invited;
53 and
 - 54 (ii) attendance at which is approved by:
 - 55 (A) the speaker of the House of Representatives, if the public official is a member
56 of the House of Representatives or another nonexecutive branch public official;
57 or
 - 58 (B) the president of the Senate, if the public official is a member of the Senate or
59 another nonexecutive branch public official; or
 - 60 (b)(i) to which a public official who holds a position in the executive branch of state
61 government is invited; and
 - 62 (ii) attendance at which is approved by the governor or the lieutenant governor.
- 63 (3) "Board of education" means:
- 64 (a) a local school board described in Title 53G, Chapter 4, School Districts;

- 65 (b) the State Board of Education;
66 (c) the State Charter School Board created under Section 53G-5-201; or
67 (d) a charter school governing board described in Title 53G, Chapter 5, Charter Schools.

68 (4) "Capitol hill complex" means capitol hill, as defined in Section 63O-1-101.

69 (5)(a) "Compensation" means anything of economic value, however designated, that is
70 paid, loaned, granted, given, donated, or transferred to an individual for the provision
71 of services or ownership before any withholding required by federal or state law.

72 (b) "Compensation" includes:

- 73 (i) a salary or commission;
74 (ii) a bonus;
75 (iii) a benefit;
76 (iv) a contribution to a retirement program or account;
77 (v) a payment includable in gross income, as defined in Section 62, Internal Revenue
78 Code, and subject to social security deductions, including a payment in excess of
79 the maximum amount subject to deduction under social security law;
80 (vi) an amount that the individual authorizes to be deducted or reduced for salary
81 deferral or other benefits authorized by federal law; or
82 (vii) income based on an individual's ownership interest.

83 (6) "Compensation payor" means a person who pays compensation to a public official in
84 the ordinary course of business:

- 85 (a) because of the public official's ownership interest in the compensation payor; or
86 (b) for services rendered by the public official on behalf of the compensation payor.

87 (7) "Education action" means:

- 88 (a) the passage or defeat of a resolution, policy, amendment, or other official action for
89 consideration by a board of education;
90 (b) a nomination or appointment by an education official or a board of education;
91 (c) the passage or defeat of a vote on an administrative action taken by a vote of a board
92 of education; or
93 [(d) ~~an adjudicative proceeding over which an education official has direct or indirect~~
94 ~~control;~~]
95 [(e) ~~a purchasing or contracting decision;~~]
96 [(f) ~~drafting or making a policy, resolution, or rule;~~]
97 [(g)] (d) determining a rate or fee[; or]
98 [(h) ~~making an adjudicative decision;~~]

99 (8) "Education official" means:

- 100 (a) a member of a board of education; or
- 101 (b) an individual appointed to or employed in a position under a board of education, if
102 that individual:
 - 103 (i) occupies a policymaking position[~~or makes purchasing or contracting decisions~~];
 - 104 [(ii) ~~drafts resolutions or policies or drafts or makes rules;~~]
 - 105 [(iii) determines rates or fees; or
 - 106 [(iv) makes decisions relating to an education budget or the expenditure of
107 public money[; or] .
 - 108 [(v) ~~makes adjudicative decisions; or~~]
 - 109 [(e) ~~an immediate family member of an individual described in Subsection (8)(a) or~~
110 (b).]

111 (9) "Event" means entertainment, a performance, a contest, or a recreational activity that an
112 individual participates in or is a spectator at, including a sporting event, an artistic event,
113 a play, a movie, dancing, or singing.

114 (10) "Executive action" means:

- 115 (a) a nomination or appointment by the governor;
- 116 (b) the action of the governor in approving or vetoing legislation;
- 117 [(b)] (c) the [proposal, drafting, amendment, enactment,] passage or defeat by a state
118 agency of a rule, or an amendment to a rule, made in accordance with Title 63G,
119 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; or
- 120 [(e)] (d) agency ratemaking proceedings[; or]
- 121 [(d) ~~an adjudicative proceeding of a state agency.~~]

122 (11) "Executive official" means:

- 123 (a) an individual elected to an executive office or appointed to fill a vacancy in an
executive office; or
- 124 (b) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in the executive branch of state
government, if that individual:
 - 125 (i) occupies a policymaking position; or
 - 126 (ii) determines rates or fees.

127 [(11)] (12)(a) "Expenditure" means any of the items listed in this Subsection [(11)(a)]
128 (12)(a) when given to or for the benefit of a public official unless consideration of
129 equal or greater value is received:

- 130 (i) a purchase, payment, or distribution;

- 132 (ii) a loan, gift, or advance;
- 133 (iii) a deposit, subscription, or forbearance;
- 134 (iv) services or goods;
- 135 (v) money;
- 136 (vi) real property;
- 137 (vii) a ticket or admission to an event; or
- 138 (viii) a contract, promise, or agreement, [whether or not] regardless of whether the
139 contract, promise, or agreement is legally enforceable, to provide any item listed
140 in Subsections [(11)(a)(i) through (vii)] (12)(a)(i) through (vii).
- 141 (b) "Expenditure" does not [mean] include:
- 142 (i) a commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business;
- 143 (ii) a campaign contribution:
- 144 (A) reported in accordance with Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial
145 Reporting Requirements, Section 10-3-208, Section 17-70-403, or any
146 applicable ordinance adopted under Subsection 10-3-208(7) or 17-70-403(1); or
- 147 (B) lawfully given to a person that is not required to report the contribution under
148 a law or ordinance described in Subsection [(11)(b)(ii)(A)] (12)(b)(ii)(A);
- 149 (iii) printed informational material that is related to the performance of the recipient's
150 official duties;
- 151 (iv) a devise or inheritance;
- 152 (v) any item listed in Subsection [(11)(a)] (12)(a) if:
- 153 (A) given by a relative;
- 154 (B) given by a compensation payor for a purpose solely unrelated to the public
155 official's position as a public official;
- 156 (C) the item is food or beverage with a value that does not exceed the food
157 reimbursement rate, and the aggregate daily expenditures for food and
158 beverage do not exceed the food reimbursement rate; or
- 159 (D) the item is not food or beverage, has a value of less than [\$10] \$25, and the
160 aggregate daily expenditures do not exceed [\$10] \$25;
- 161 (vi) food or beverage that is provided at an event, a tour, or a meeting to which the
162 following are invited:
- 163 (A) all members of the Legislature;
- 164 (B) all members of a standing or interim committee;
- 165 (C) all members of an official legislative task force;

- 166 (D) all members of a party caucus; or
167 (E) all members of a group described in Subsections [(11)(b)(vi)(A) through (D)]
168 (12)(b)(vi)(A) through (D) who are attending a meeting of a national
169 organization whose primary purpose is addressing general legislative policy;
170 (vii) food or beverage that is provided at an event, a tour, or a meeting to a public
171 official who is:
172 (A) giving a speech at the event, tour, or meeting;
173 (B) participating in a panel discussion at the event, tour, or meeting; or
174 (C) presenting or receiving an award at the event, tour, or meeting;
175 (viii) a plaque, commendation, or award that:
176 (A) is presented in public; and
177 (B) has the name of the individual receiving the plaque, commendation, or award
178 inscribed, etched, printed, or otherwise permanently marked on the plaque,
179 commendation, or award;
180 (ix) a gift that:
181 (A) is an item that is not consumable and not perishable;
182 (B) a public official, other than a local official or an education official, accepts on
183 behalf of the state;
184 (C) the public official promptly remits to the state;
185 (D) a property administrator does not reject under Section 63G-23-103;
186 (E) does not constitute a direct benefit to the public official before or after the
187 public official remits the gift to the state; and
188 (F) after being remitted to the state, is not transferred, divided, distributed, or used
189 to distribute a gift or benefit to one or more public officials in a manner that
190 would otherwise qualify the gift as an expenditure if the gift were given
191 directly to a public official;
192 (x) any of the following with a cash value not exceeding [\$30] \$50:
193 (A) a publication; or
194 (B) a commemorative item;
195 (xi) admission to or attendance at an event, a tour, or a meeting, the primary purpose
196 of which is:
197 (A) to solicit a contribution that is reportable under Title 20A, Chapter 11,
198 Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 434, Section
199 10-3-208, Section 17-70-403, or an applicable ordinance adopted under

Subsection 10-3-208(7) or 17-70-403(1);

- (B) to solicit a campaign contribution that a person is not required to report under a law or ordinance described in Subsection [(11)(b)(xi)(A)] (12)(b)(xi)(A); or
 - (C) charitable solicitation, as defined in Section 13-22-2;

(xii) travel to, lodging at, food or beverage served at, and admission to an approved activity;

(xiii) sponsorship of an approved activity;

(xiv) notwithstanding Subsection [(11)(a)(vii)] (12)(a)(vii), admission to, attendance at, or travel to or from an event, a tour, or a meeting:

 - (A) that is sponsored by a governmental entity;
 - (B) that is widely attended and related to a governmental duty of a public official;
 - (C) for a local official, that is sponsored by an organization that represents only local governments, including the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, or the Utah Association of Special Districts; or
 - (D) for an education official, that is sponsored by a public school, a charter school, or an organization that represents only public schools or charter schools, including the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, the Utah School Boards Association, or the Utah School Superintendents Association; [or]

(xv) travel to a widely attended tour or meeting related to a governmental duty of a public official if that travel results in a financial savings to:

 - (A) for a public official who is not a local official or an education official, the state; or
 - (B) for a public official who is a local official or an education official, the local government or board of education to which the public official belongs[.]:

(xvi) notwithstanding Subsection (12)(a)(vii), admission to, attendance at, or travel to or from a recreational or sporting event provided by an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53B-2-101(1), or by a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the state, if:

 - (A) the institution of higher education is competing in the recreational or sporting event, or the recreational or sporting event occurs at a location owned or leased by the institution of higher education; and
 - (B) the purpose of the public official attending the event is to build a relationship between the institution of higher education and the public official; or

234 (xvii) notwithstanding Subsection (12)(a)(vii), admission to, attendance at, or travel
235 to or from a theatrical, musical, dancing, or other artistic performance, an art
236 exhibition, or another artistic event provided by an institution of higher education
237 described in Subsection 53B-2-101(1), or by a private, nonprofit institution of
238 higher education in the state, if:
239 (A) the institution of higher education is participating in the event, or the event
240 occurs at a location owned or leased by the institution of higher education; and
241 (B) the purpose of the public official attending the event is to build a relationship
242 between the institution of higher education and the public official.

243 [(12)] (13) "Food reimbursement rate" means the total amount set by the director of the
244 Division of Finance, by rule, under Section 63A-3-107, for in-state meal reimbursement,
245 for an employee of the executive branch, for an entire day.

246 [(13)] (14)(a) "Foreign agent" means an individual who engages in lobbying under
247 contract with a foreign government.

248 (b) "Foreign agent" does not include an individual who is recognized by the United
249 States Department of State as a duly accredited diplomatic or consular officer of a
250 foreign government, including a duly accredited honorary consul.

251 [(14)] (15) "Foreign government" means a government other than the government of:

252 (a) the United States;
253 (b) a state within the United States;
254 (c) a territory or possession of the United States; or
255 (d) a political subdivision of the United States.

256 (16) "Government action" means:

257 (a) an education action;
258 (b) an executive action;
259 (c) a legislative action; or
260 (d) a local action.

261 [(15)] (17)(a) "Government officer" means:

262 (i) an individual elected to a position in state or local government, when acting in the
263 capacity of the state or local government position;
264 (ii) an individual elected to a board of education, when acting in the capacity of a
265 member of a board of education;
266 (iii) an individual appointed to fill a vacancy in a position described in Subsection [(15)(a)(i) or (ii)] (17)(a)(i) or (ii), when acting in the capacity of the position; or

268 (iv) an individual appointed to or employed in a full-time position by state
269 government, local government, or a board of education, when acting in the
270 capacity of the individual's appointment or employment.

271 (b) "Government officer" does not mean a member of the legislative branch of state
272 government.

273 [(16)] (18) "Immediate family" means:

274 (a) a spouse;
275 (b) a child residing in the household; or
276 (c) an individual claimed as a dependent for tax purposes.

277 [(17)] (19) "Legislative action" means[:]

278 [(a)] the passage or defeat of a bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, veto override,
279 appropriation, or other matter pending or proposed in either house of the Legislature
280 or [its committees] a committee of the Legislature, or requested by a legislator[; and] .

281 [(b) the action of the governor in approving or vetoing legislation.]

282 (20) "Legislative official" means a member, or a member-elect, of the Senate or the House
283 of Representatives.

284 [(18)] (21) "Lobbying" means communicating with a public official for the purpose of
285 influencing [a legislative action, executive action, local action, or education] government
286 action.

287 [(19)] (22)(a) "Lobbyist" means[:] an individual who accepts or agrees to accept
288 employment payment, a reward, an incentive, something of value, or other
289 consideration in exchange for lobbying.

290 [(i) an individual who is employed by a principal; or
291 [(ii) an individual who contracts for economic consideration, other than
292 reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses, with a principal to lobby a public
293 official.]

294 (b) "Lobbyist" includes an individual who engages in lobbying on behalf of an entity,
295 other than a publicly-traded entity, in which the individual obtained a non-controlling
296 ownership interest within the immediately preceding 18 months.

297 (c) "Lobbyist" does not include:

298 (i) a government officer;
299 (ii) a member or employee of the legislative branch of state government;
300 (iii) an individual who, in exchange for lobbying, accepts or agrees to accept only
301 reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses;

302 [§(iii)] (iv) a person, including a principal, while appearing at, or providing written
303 comments to, a hearing conducted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
304 Administrative Rulemaking Act, or Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative
305 Procedures Act;

306 [§(iv)] (v) a person participating on or appearing before an advisory or study task force,
307 commission, board, or committee, constituted by the Legislature, a local
308 government, a board of education, or any agency or department of state
309 government, except legislative standing, appropriation, or interim committees;

310 [§(v)] (vi) a representative of a political party;

311 [§(vi)] (vii) an individual representing a bona fide church solely for the purpose of
312 protecting the right to practice the religious doctrines of the church, unless the
313 individual or church makes an expenditure that confers a benefit on a public
314 official;

315 [§(vii)] (viii) a newspaper, television station or network, radio station or network,
316 periodical of general circulation, or book publisher for the purpose of publishing
317 news items, editorials, other comments, or paid advertisements that directly or
318 indirectly urge ~~legislative action, executive action, local action, or education~~
319 government action;

320 [§(viii)] (ix) an individual who appears on the individual's own behalf before a
321 committee of the Legislature, an agency of the executive branch of state
322 government, a board of education, the governing body of a local government, a
323 committee of a local government, or a committee of a board of education, solely
324 for the purpose of testifying in support of or in opposition to ~~legislative action,~~
325 ~~executive action, local action, or education~~ government action; or

326 [§(ix)] (x) an individual representing a business, entity, or industry, who:

327 (A) interacts with a public official, in the public official's capacity as a public
328 official, while accompanied by a registered lobbyist who is lobbying in relation
329 to the subject of the interaction or while presenting at a legislative committee
330 meeting at the same time that the registered lobbyist is attending another
331 legislative committee meeting; and

332 (B) does not make an expenditure for, or on behalf of, a public official in relation
333 to the interaction or during the period of interaction.

334 [§(20)] (23) "Lobbyist group" means two or more lobbyists, principals, government officers,
335 or any combination of lobbyists, principals, and government officers, who each

336 contribute a portion of an expenditure made to benefit a public official or member of the
337 public official's immediate family.

338 [(24)] (24) "Local action" means:

- 339 (a) an ordinance or resolution for consideration by a local government;
- 340 (b) a nomination or appointment by a local official or a local government;
- 341 (c) a vote on an administrative action taken by a vote of a local government's legislative
342 body; or
343 [(d) an adjudicative proceeding over which a local official has direct or indirect control;]
344 [(e) a purchasing or contracting decision;]
345 [(f) drafting or making a policy, resolution, or rule;]
346 [(g) (d) determining a rate or fee[; or] .
347 [(h) making an adjudicative decision.]

348 [(22)] (25) "Local government" means:

- 349 (a) a county, city, or town;
- 350 (b) a special district governed by Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities
351 - Special Districts;
- 352 (c) a special service district governed by Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District
353 Act;
- 354 (d) a community reinvestment agency governed by Title 17C, Limited Purpose Local
355 Government Entities - Community Reinvestment Agency Act;
- 356 (e) a conservation district governed by Title 17D, Chapter 3, Conservation District Act;
- 357 (f) a redevelopment agency; or
- 358 (g) an interlocal entity or a joint cooperative undertaking governed by Title 11, Chapter
359 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

360 [(23)] (26) "Local official" means:

- 361 (a) an [elected member of a local government] individual elected to a local government
362 office or appointed to fill a vacancy in a local government office; or
- 363 (b) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in a local government if that
364 individual:
 - 365 (i) occupies a policymaking position[or makes purchasing or contracting decisions];
366 or
367 [(ii) drafts ordinances or resolutions or drafts or makes rules;]
 - 368 [(iii) (ii) determines rates or fees[; or] .
369 [(iv) makes adjudicative decisions; or]

370 [e) an immediate family member of an individual described in Subsection (23)(a) or
371 (b).]

372 [(24)] (27) "Meeting" means a gathering of people to discuss an issue, receive instruction, or
373 make a decision, including a conference, seminar, or summit.

374 [(25)] (28) "Multiclient lobbyist" means a single lobbyist, principal, or government officer
375 who represents two or more clients and divides the aggregate daily expenditure made to
376 benefit a public official or member of the public official's immediate family between
377 two or more of those clients.

378 [(26)] (29) "Principal" means a person that [employs an individual to perform lobbying,
379 either as an employee or as an independent contractor] pays or provides, or agrees or
380 promises to pay or provide, employment, a reward, an incentive, something of value, or
381 other consideration to a person to engage in lobbying.

382 [(27)] (30) "Public official" means:

- 383 (a) an education official;
- 384 (b) an executive official;
- 385 (c) a legislative official;
- 386 (d) a local official; or
- 387 (e) an immediate family member of an official or individual described in Subsections
388 (30)(a) through (d).

389 [(a)(i) a member of the Legislature;]

390 [(ii) an individual elected to a position in the executive branch of state government; or]

391 [(iii) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in the executive or
392 legislative branch of state government if that individual:]

393 [(A) occupies a policymaking position or makes purchasing or contracting
394 decisions;]

395 [(B) drafts legislation or makes rules;]

396 [(C) determines rates or fees; or]

397 [(D) makes adjudicative decisions;]

398 [(b) an immediate family member of a person described in Subsection (27)(a);]

399 [(e) a local official; or]

400 [(d) an education official.]

401 [(28)] (31) "Public official type" means a notation to identify whether a public official is:

- 402 (a)(i) a member of the Legislature;

403 (ii) an individual elected to a position in the executive branch of state government;

- 403 (iii) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in the legislative branch of
404 state government who meets the definition of [public] legislative official[under
405 Subsektion (27)(a)(iii)];
406 (iv) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in the executive branch of
407 state government who meets the definition of [public] executive official[under
408 Subsektion (27)(a)(iii)];
409 (v) a local official, including a description of the type of local government for which
410 the individual is a local official; or
411 (vi) an education official, including a description of the type of board of education for
412 which the individual is an education official; or
413 (b) an immediate family member of an individual described in [Subsektion (27)(a), (e),
414 or (f)] Subsections (30)(a) through (d).

415 [~~(29)~~] (32) "Quarterly reporting period" means the three-month period covered by each
416 financial report required under Subsection 36-11-201(2)(a).

417 [~~(30)~~] (33) "Related person" means a person, agent, or employee who [~~knowingly and~~
418 ~~intentionally~~] assists a lobbyist, principal, or government officer in lobbying.

419 [~~(31)~~] (34) "Relative" means:

- 420 (a) a spouse;
421 (b) a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law,
422 sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin; or
423 (c) a spouse of an individual described in Subsection [~~(31)(b)~~] (34)(b).

424 [~~(32)~~] (35) "Tour" means visiting a location, for a purpose relating to the duties of a public
425 official, and not primarily for entertainment, including:

- 426 (a) viewing a facility;
427 (b) viewing the sight of a natural disaster; or
428 (c) assessing a circumstance in relation to which a public official may need to take
429 action within the scope of the public official's duties.

430 Section 2. Section **36-11-201** is amended to read:

431 **36-11-201 . Lobbyist, principal, and government officer financial reporting**
432 **requirements -- Prohibition for related person to make expenditures.**

433 (1)(a)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), a lobbyist shall file financial
434 reports with the lieutenant governor on or before the due dates specified in
435 Subsection (2).

436 (ii) A lobbyist who has not made an expenditure during a quarterly reporting period

437 is not required to file a quarterly financial report for that quarterly reporting period.

438 (iii) A lobbyist who is not required to file any quarterly reports under this section for
439 a calendar year shall, on or before January 10 of the following year, file a financial
440 report listing the amount of the expenditures for the entire preceding year as
441 "none."

442 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), a government officer or principal that makes
443 an expenditure during any of the quarterly reporting periods under Subsection (2)(a)
444 shall file a financial report with the lieutenant governor on or before the date that a
445 report for that quarter is due.

446 (c)(i) As used in this Subsection (1)(c), "same local government type" means:

447 (A) for a county government, the same county government or another county
448 government;
449 (B) for a municipal government, the same municipal government or another
450 municipal government;
451 (C) for a board of education, the same board of education;
452 (D) for a local school board described in Title 53G, Chapter 4, School Districts,
453 the same local school board or another local school board;
454 (E) for a special district, the same special district or another special district or a
455 special service district;
456 (F) for a special service district, the same special service district or another special
457 service district or a special district; or
458 (G) for a participant in an interlocal agreement, another participant in the same
459 interlocal agreement.

460 (ii) A local official or an education official is not required, under this section, to
461 report an expenditure made by the local official or education official to another
462 local official or education official of the same local government type as the local
463 official or education official making the expenditure.

464 (2)(a) A financial report is due quarterly on the following dates:

465 (i) April 10, for the period of January 1 through March 31;
466 (ii) July 10, for the period of April 1 through June 30;
467 (iii) October 10, for the period of July 1 through September 30; and
468 (iv) January 10, for the period of October 1 through December 31 of the previous
469 year.

470 (b) If the due date for a financial report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the

471 report is due on the next succeeding business day.

472 (c) A financial report is timely filed if it is filed electronically before the close of regular
473 office hours on or before the due date.

474 (3) A financial report shall contain:

475 (a) the total amount of expenditures made to benefit any public official during the
476 quarterly reporting period;

477 (b) the total amount of expenditures made, by the type of public official, during the
478 quarterly reporting period;

479 (c) for the financial report due on January 10:

480 (i) the total amount of expenditures made to benefit any public official during the last
481 calendar year; and

482 (ii) the total amount of expenditures made, by the type of public official, during the
483 last calendar year;

484 (d) a disclosure of each expenditure made during the quarterly reporting period to
485 reimburse or pay for travel or lodging for a public official, including:

486 (i) each travel destination and each lodging location;

487 (ii) the name of each public official who benefitted from the expenditure on travel or
488 lodging;

489 (iii) the public official type of each public official named;

490 (iv) for each public official named, a listing of the amount and purpose of each
491 expenditure made for travel or lodging; and

492 (v) the total amount of expenditures listed under Subsection (3)(d)(iv);

493 (e) a disclosure of aggregate daily expenditures greater than ~~[\$10]~~ \$25 made during the
494 quarterly reporting period including:

495 (i) the date and purpose of the expenditure;

496 (ii) the location of the expenditure;

497 (iii) the name of any public official benefitted by the expenditure;

498 (iv) the type of the public official benefitted by the expenditure; and

499 (v) the total monetary worth of the benefit that the expenditure conferred on any
500 public official;

501 (f) for each public official who was employed by the lobbyist, principal, or government
502 officer, a list that provides:

503 (i) the name of the public official; and

504 (ii) the nature of the employment with the public official;

- 505 (g) each bill or resolution, by number and short title, on behalf of which the lobbyist,
506 principal, or government officer made an expenditure to a public official;
- 507 (h) a description of each [executive] government action on behalf of which the lobbyist,
508 principal, or government officer made an expenditure to a public official;
- 509 (i) a description of each [~~local action or education~~] government action regarding which
510 the lobbyist, principal, or government officer made an expenditure to a local official
511 or education official;
- 512 (j) the general purposes, interests, and nature of the entities that the lobbyist, principal,
513 or government officer filing the report represents; and
- 514 (k) for a lobbyist, a certification that the information provided in the report is true,
515 accurate, and complete to the lobbyist's best knowledge and belief.
- 516 (4) A related person may not, while assisting a lobbyist, principal, or government officer in
517 lobbying, make an expenditure that benefits a public official under circumstances that
518 would otherwise fall within the disclosure requirements of this chapter if the expenditure
519 was made by the lobbyist, principal, or government officer.
- 520 (5) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 521 (a)(i) develop a preprinted form for a financial report required by this section; and
522 (ii) make copies of the form available to a lobbyist, principal, or government officer
523 who requests a form; and
- 524 (b) provide a reporting system that allows a lobbyist, principal, or government officer to
525 submit a financial report required by this chapter via the [Internet] internet.
- 526 (6)(a) A lobbyist and a principal shall continue to file a financial report required by this
527 section until the lobbyist or principal files a statement with the lieutenant governor
528 that:
- 529 (i)(A) for a lobbyist, states that the lobbyist has ceased lobbying activities; or
530 (B) for a principal, states that the principal no longer employs an individual as a
531 lobbyist;
- 532 (ii) in the case of a lobbyist, states that the lobbyist is surrendering the lobbyist's
533 license;
- 534 (iii) contains a listing, as required by this section, of all previously unreported
535 expenditures that have been made through the date of the statement; and
- 536 (iv) states that the lobbyist or principal will not make any additional expenditure that
537 is not disclosed on the statement unless the lobbyist or principal complies with the
538 disclosure and licensing requirements of this chapter.

539 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), a lobbyist or principal that is required to
540 file a financial report under this section is required to file the report quarterly until the
541 lobbyist or principal files the statement required by Subsection (6)(a).

542 Section 3. Section **36-11-301** is repealed and reenacted to read:

543 **36-11-301 . Contingent consideration, reward, or incentive prohibited.**

544 It is unlawful for a lobbyist to solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from a
545 person as consideration for, a reward for, or an incentive for, lobbying, if:

- 546 (1) the consideration, reward, or incentive is based on whether certain government action
547 occurs or does not occur; or
548 (2) the value of the consideration is calculated based on the amount appropriated for a
549 certain program or expenditure made by the entity lobbied.

550 Section 4. Section **36-11-304** is amended to read:

551 **36-11-304 . Expenditures over certain amounts prohibited -- Exceptions.**

- 552 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or (3), a lobbyist, principal, or government officer
553 may not make or offer to make aggregate daily expenditures that exceed:
554 (a) for food or beverage, the food reimbursement rate;[–or]
555 (b) [\$10] except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), \$25 for expenditures other than food or
556 beverage[.] ; or
557 (c) \$50 for expenditures for a publication or a commemorative item.

- 558 (2) A lobbyist, principal, or government officer may make aggregate daily expenditures that
559 exceed the limits described in Subsection (1):

- 560 (a) for the following items, if the expenditure is reported in accordance with Section
561 36-11-201:
562 (i) food;
563 (ii) beverage;
564 (iii) travel;
565 (iv) lodging; or
566 (v) admission to or attendance at a tour or meeting that is not an approved activity; or
567 (b) if the expenditure is made for a purpose solely unrelated to the public official's
568 position as a public official.

- 569 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "same local government type" means:
570 (i) for a county government, the same county government or another county
571 government;
572 (ii) for a municipal government, the same municipal government or another

municipal government;

(iii) for a board of education, the same board of education;

(iv) for a local school board described in Title 53G, Chapter 4, School Districts, the same local school board or another local school board;

(v) for a special district, the same special district or another special district or a special service district;

(vi) for a special service district, the same special service district or another special service district or a special district; or

(vii) for a participant in an interlocal agreement, another participant in the same interlocal agreement.

(b) This section does not apply to an expenditure made by a local official or an education official to another local official or education official of the same local government type as the local official or education official making the expenditure.

Section 5. Section **53-1-102** is amended to read:

53-1-102 . Definitions.

(1) As used in this title:

(a) "Capitol hill complex" means capitol hill, as defined in Section 63O-1-101.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety appointed under Section 53-1-107.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety created in Section 53-1-103.

(d) "Governor-elect" means an individual whom the board of canvassers determines be the successful candidate for governor after a general election for the office of governor.

(e) "Institution of higher education" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53H-1-101.

(f) "Law enforcement agency" means an entity or division of:

(i)(A) the federal government, a state, or a political subdivision of a state;

(B) an institution of higher education; or

(C) a private institution of higher education, if the entity or division is certified by the commissioner under Title 53, Chapter 19, Certification of Private Law Enforcement Agency; and

- (ii) that exists primarily to prevent and detect crime and enforce criminal laws, statutes, and ordinances.

(g) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section

607 53-13-103.

- 608 (h) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle and every vehicle propelled by
609 electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails,
610 except motorized wheel chairs and vehicles moved solely by human power.
- 611 (i) "Peace officer" means any officer certified in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 13,
612 Peace Officer Classifications.
- 613 (j) "Public official" means[the same as that term is defined in Section 36-11-102.] :
614 (i) a member of the Legislature;
615 (ii) an individual elected to a position in the executive branch of state government;
616 (iii) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in the executive or
617 legislative branch of state government, if that individual:
618 (A) occupies a policymaking position;
619 (B) makes purchasing or contracting decisions;
620 (C) drafts legislation or makes rules;
621 (D) determines rates or fees; or
622 (E) makes adjudicative decisions;
623 (iv) an elected member of a local government, as defined in Section 36-11-102;
624 (v) an individual appointed to or employed in a position in a local government, as
625 defined in Section 36-11-102, if that individual:
626 (A) occupies a policymaking position;
627 (B) makes purchasing or contracting decisions;
628 (C) drafts ordinances or resolutions, or drafts or makes rules;
629 (D) determines rates or fees; or
630 (E) makes adjudicative decisions;
631 (vi) a member of a board of education, as defined in Section 36-11-102;
632 (vii) an individual appointed to or employed in a position under a board of education,
633 as defined in Section 36-11-102, if that individual:
634 (A) occupies a policymaking position;
635 (B) makes purchasing or contracting decisions;
636 (C) drafts resolutions or policies, or drafts or makes rules;
637 (D) determines rates or fees;
638 (E) makes decisions relating to an education budget or the expenditure of public
639 money; or
640 (F) makes adjudicative decisions; or

641 (viii) an immediate family member of an individual described in Subsections (1)(i)(i)
642 through (vii).

643 (k) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may
644 be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices used exclusively upon
645 stationary rails or tracks.

646 (2) The definitions provided in Subsection (1) are to be applied throughout this title in
647 addition to definitions that are applicable to specific chapters or parts.

648 Section 6. Section **53-1-106** is amended to read:

649 **53-1-106 . Department duties -- Powers.**

650 (1) In addition to the responsibilities contained in this title, the department shall:

651 (a) make rules and perform the functions specified in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code,
652 including:
653 (i) setting performance standards for towing companies to be used by the department,
654 as required by Section 41-6a-1406; and
655 (ii) advising the Department of Transportation regarding the safe design and
656 operation of school buses, as required by Section 41-6a-1304;

657 (b) make rules to establish and clarify standards pertaining to the curriculum and
658 teaching methods of a motor vehicle accident prevention course under Section
659 31A-19a-211;

660 (c) aid in enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking;

661 (d) meet with the Division of Technology Services to formulate contracts, establish
662 priorities, and develop funding mechanisms for dispatch and telecommunications
663 operations;

664 (e) provide assistance to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and the
665 Utah Office for Victims of Crime in conducting research or monitoring victims'
666 programs, as required by Section 63M-7-507;

667 (f) develop sexual assault exam protocol standards in conjunction with the Utah Hospital
668 Association;

669 (g) engage in emergency planning activities, including preparation of policy and
670 procedure and rulemaking necessary for implementation of the federal Emergency
671 Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986, as required by Section
672 53-2a-702;

673 (h) implement the provisions of Section 53-2a-402, the Emergency Management
674 Assistance Compact;

- 675 (i) ensure that any training or certification required of a public official, as defined in
676 Section 53-1-102, or a public employee, as [those terms are] defined in Section
677 63G-22-102, complies with Title 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification
678 Requirements, if the training or certification is required:
679 (i) under this title;
680 (ii) by the department; or
681 (iii) by an agency or division within the department;
- 682 (j) employ a law enforcement officer as a public safety liaison to be housed at the State
683 Board of Education who shall work with the State Board of Education to:
684 (i) support training with relevant state agencies for school resource officers as
685 described in Section 53G-8-702;
686 (ii) coordinate the creation of model policies and memorandums of understanding for
687 a local education agency and a local law enforcement agency; and
688 (iii) ensure cooperation between relevant state agencies, a local education agency,
689 and a local law enforcement agency to foster compliance with disciplinary related
690 statutory provisions, including Sections 53E-3-516 and 53G-8-211;
- 691 (k) provide for the security and protection of public officials, public officials' staff, and
692 the capitol hill complex in accordance with the provisions of this part;
- 693 (l) fulfill the duties described in Sections 77-36-2.1 and 78B-7-120 related to lethality
694 assessments; and
- 695 (m) fulfill the duties described in Section 63L-13-201 related to restricted foreign
696 entities.
- 697 (2)(a) The department shall establish a schedule of fees as required or allowed in this
698 title for services provided by the department.
- 699 (b) All fees not established in statute shall be established in accordance with Section
700 63J-1-504.
- 701 (3) The department may establish or contract for the establishment of an Organ
702 Procurement Donor Registry in accordance with Section 26B-8-319.
- 703 Section 7. Section **63G-23-102** is amended to read:
- 704 **63G-23-102 . Definitions.**
- 705 As used in this chapter:
- 706 (1) "Public official" means, except as provided in Subsection (3), the same as that term is
707 defined in Section [36-11-102] 53-1-102.
- 708 (2) "Public official" includes a judge or justice of:

709 (a) the Utah Supreme Court;

710 (b) the Utah Court of Appeals;

711 (c) a district court;

712 (d) a juvenile court; or

713 (e) the Business and Chancery Court.

714 (3) "Public official" does not include a local official or an education official as defined in
715 Section 36-11-102.

716 Section 8. Section **67-24-103** is amended to read:

717 **67-24-103 . Qualified prohibitions on lobbyists -- Time limit -- Exceptions.**

718 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a former state official ~~[serving on or after May 12,~~
719 ~~2009,]~~ may not become a lobbyist or engage in lobbying that would require registration
720 as a lobbyist under Title 36, Chapter 11, Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act, for
721 one calendar year, beginning on the day the state official leaves office and ending on the
722 one-year anniversary of that day.

723 (2) This section does not apply if the former state official[-] :

724 (a) engages in lobbying on behalf of:

725 ~~[(a)] (i) [himself] the former state official;~~ or

726 ~~[(b)] (ii) a business with which [he] the former state official is associated, unless the~~
727 ~~primary activity of the business is lobbying or governmental relations[.] ; or~~

728 (b) lobbies only outside the branch of government where the former state official served.

729 Section 9. **Effective Date.**

730 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.