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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640, L.D. 1868, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Reporting of Grassroots Lobbying"

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E-1 in the first line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "expenditures" the following: 'made or incurred'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E-1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "employer's" the following: 'regular'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

The bill requires a lobbyist to report expenditures by a client for grassroots lobbying if those expenditures exceed \$2,000 in a month. This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a lobbyist must report on grassroots lobbying if the lobbyist's client either made or incurred expenditures in excess of \$2,000 during a month for the purposes of grassroots lobbying. As amended, the grassroots lobbying reporting threshold for lobbyists will match the grassroots lobbying reporting threshold established in the bill for persons who have not engaged a lobbyist. The amendment also clarifies that the \$2,000 threshold does not apply to the employer's regular employees.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1868

LR 2938(02)

An Act To Improve the Reporting of Grassroots Lobbying

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-397)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices as a result of changes to the reporting thresholds for grassroots lobbying activities are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.