

HB 524 -- LOBBYISTS

SPONSOR: May

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, lobbyists are required twice a year to provide the Missouri Ethics Commission with information on legislation they supported or opposed. This bill removes that requirement.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the lobbyist report has little meaning because it can be completed so broadly, and the information can be obtained from the required witness forms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative May; and Missouri Society of Governmental Consultants.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that some of the information contained in the report can be accessed on the commission's web site.

Others testifying on the bill was Missouri Ethics Commission.

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