

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2684

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections

03/12/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to lobbying; modifying principal reports; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.3 2010, section 10A.04, subdivision 6.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in
1.7 this subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

1.8 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the principal must report the total amount,
1.9 rounded to the nearest \$20,000, spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year
1.10 to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan
1.11 governmental units.

1.12 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the principal must report under this
1.13 subdivision a total amount that includes:

1.14 (1) all direct payments by the principal to lobbyists in this state;

1.15 (2) all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, analysis, compilation and
1.16 dissemination of information, and public relations campaigns related to legislative action,
1.17 administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units in this
1.18 state; and

1.19 (3) all salaries and administrative expenses attributable to activities of the principal
1.20 relating to efforts to influence legislative action, administrative action, or the official
1.21 action of metropolitan governmental units in this state.

1.22 (d) A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases
1.23 of rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under
1.24 section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that

2.1 they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs
2.2 (b) and (c).

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for reports due March 15, 2013,
2.4 and thereafter.