Wyoming Lobbyist Registration Process

Am I “attempting to influence legislation on behalf of any association, corporation, labor union, public, nonprofit or private special interest group or any interest other than personal?”

W.S. § 28-7-101(a) - (b)

YES

You must complete a lobbyist registration form with the Secretary of State’s office with the following information: name, address, organization name, organization address

W.S. § 28-7-101(b)(i) – (ii)

NO

You do not need to register as a lobbyist

Can I expect $500 or more in expense reimbursement and compensation or no compensation beyond travel and per diem?

W.S. § 28-7-101(b)

YES

You may be required to pay a filing fee of $75 with your application

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NO

You may be required to pay a filing fee of $10 with your application

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Note: Any person failing to register as a lobbyist shall be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars ($200.00) pursuant to W.S. § 28-7-102(a).
Wyoming Lobbyist Reporting Process

Are my reportable expenses $500 or more?

YES

W.S. § 28-7-201(f)

You must complete a lobbyist expense report with the Secretary of State’s office with the following information: sources of funding, each loan, gift, gratuity, special discount or hospitality paid or given to or on behalf of any legislator, state elected official, or state employee acting in his official capacity which exceeds $50.

Reports are also required to state the date, exact amount expended, and the name of the legislator, state official, or state employee.

NO

You do not need to submit an expense report.

What constitutes a “Special Event?"

Special events are defined as: receptions, meals, entertainment, attendance at athletic events, and other functions.

However, the total expenses of activities reported pursuant to a “Special Event” shall be reported by the event or function, not by the individual legislator.

General Rule for Activity Reports:

If you are unsure as to whether or not an expenditure should be reported, our recommendation is to consult private legal counsel, however that decision ultimately is up to the lobbyist or organization reporting.

Note: Any person or organization failing to file a lobbyist activity report under W.S. § 28-7-201 or who files a lobbyist activity report containing false information is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00). A second conviction shall result in loss of right to register as a lobbyist for up to two (2) years in addition to any fine pursuant to W.S. § 28-7-102(b).