


January 15, 2008

TO: Capitol Club Members  
FROM: Bruce A. Bishop, President   
RE: Oregon Government Ethics Commission and SB 10

Attachments  
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The attached packet contains supplementary information about Senate Bill 10, Oregon's new government ethics laws, that you may find useful. Included are the following documents:

- "Lobby Law Change Notice." This one-page summary is published by the ethics commission. It's posted at the commission's website at [www.ogec.state.us](http://www.ogec.state.us).
- "Registration Expiration Notice." This half-page summary, also published by the ethics commission and posted at its website, *partially* explains the registration requirements for lobbyists. It correctly states that all registrations expired on December 31, 2007. It fails to mention the provision of ORS 171.740 that gives lobbyists a grace period to renew their registrations. Subsection (5) reads:

A lobbyist registration expires December 31 of an odd-numbered year. **If a lobbyist renews the registration before March 31 of the following even-numbered year, the commission shall consider the registration to have been effective as of December 31 of the odd-number year on which the registration expired.** [Emphasis added.]

- "Lobbying Registration Statement." This is the revised form, available also at the commission's website, for registering. Following the form are the commission's "Instructions for Completing a Lobbying Registration Statement.
- "Things Public Officials Should Know About Oregon's New Government Ethics Laws." This is the ethics commission's version of the Top 10 List developed by the Oregon Law Commission (and included in the seminar materials).
- Oregon Revised Statutes. ORS 171.725 and following is the 2007 version of Oregon's lobbying laws, showing how SB 10 has been codified. Also included in its entirety is the 2007 version of ORS Chapter 244, where ethics laws largely affecting public officials are set out. The ORS citations should be used henceforth instead of referring to the provisions of SB 10 or HB 2595.