

1 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 636

3 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 66, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
3 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-6619B, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PRO-  
4 HIBIT STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM TAKING CERTAIN AC-  
5 TIONS REGARDING LOBBYING AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTRATION, REPORT-  
6 ING AND DUTIES OF LOBBYISTS SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED; AND PROVIDING SEVER-  
7 ABILITY.

8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 66, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
11 ignated as Section 67-6619B, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 67-6619B. RESTRICTIONS ON EXPENDITURES OF MONEY BY AGENCIES AND PO-  
13 LITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (1) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Agency" means:

15 (i) A department, commission, board, council, agency, institu-  
16 tion, officer, corporation, fund, division, office, committee,  
17 authority, laboratory, library, unit, bureau, panel or other ad-  
18 ministrative unit of the state; or

19 (ii) A school, a school district, a charter school or a higher edu-  
20 cation institution.

21 (b) "Contract lobbyist" means a person who is not an employee of an  
22 agency who is hired as an independent contractor by the agency to commu-  
23 nicate with legislators or the governor for the purpose of influencing  
24 the passage, defeat, amendment or postponement of a legislative action  
25 or an executive action.

26 (c) "Executive action" means action undertaken by the governor, in-  
27 cluding signing or vetoing legislation, and action undertaken by any  
28 official in the executive branch of state government.

29 (d) "Legislative action" means action undertaken by the Idaho legisla-  
30 ture or any part of it.

31 (e) "Political subdivision" means a city, county or municipality or any  
32 agency thereof.

33 (2) No agency to which money is appropriated by the legislature, nor any  
34 political subdivision of this state, shall expend such appropriated or pub-  
35 lic money to pay a contract lobbyist.

36 (3) This section shall not affect the provisions of this chapter re-  
37 lated to the registration, reporting and duties of lobbyists.

38 SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared  
39 to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such  
40 provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason,

1 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of  
2 this act.