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Lobbying is defined as attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any state **legislation** (including budget proposals), or the adoption or rejection of state agency rules, standards or rates. The most common form of lobbying is **face to face contact** with a state legislator, legislative staff, or state agency personnel with the **objective of influencing** their action or inaction on state legislation (including budget proposals). This includes testifying at committee hearings in Olympia and virtual meetings/video calls. Efforts to influence the Governor’s approval or veto of measures that have passed the Legislature and efforts to influence legislative staff are also considered lobbying.

For the purposes of PDC reporting, lobbying does **not** include the following:

- Telephone calls or letters;
- Testimony before a legislative committee when requested by the Legislature to report on a particular subject;
- Attempts to influence federal or local legislation; and
- “Lobbying” by any elected official on behalf of his or her agency or in connection with his or her powers, duties, or compensation is not reportable. However, any elected official who spent more than \$25.00 of non-public funds to lobby in person is required by the Public Disclosure Commission to report such expenditures. This includes meals and campaign contributions.

Additional information on public agency lobbying and L-5 requirements can be found [on the PDC’s website](#).

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/public-agency-lobbying-instructions/basic-information>

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=42.17A.610>

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Exemption from registration and reporting.

The following persons and activities are exempt from registration and reporting under RCW 42.17A.600, 42.17A.615, and 42.17A.640:

- (1) Persons who limit their lobbying activities to appearing before public sessions of committees of the legislature, or public hearings of state agencies;
- (2) Activities by lobbyists or other persons whose participation has been solicited by an agency under

RCW 34.05.310(2);

(3) News or feature reporting activities and editorial comment by working members of the press, radio, digital media, or television and the publication or dissemination thereof by a newspaper, book publisher, regularly published periodical, radio station, digital platform, or television station;

(4) Persons who lobby without compensation or other consideration for acting as a lobbyist, if the person makes no expenditure for or on behalf of any member of the legislature or elected official or public officer or employee of the state of Washington in connection with such lobbying. The exemption contained in this subsection is intended to permit and encourage citizens of this state to lobby any legislator, public official, or state agency without incurring any registration or reporting obligation provided they do not exceed the limits stated above. Any person exempt under this subsection (4) may at the person's option register and report under this chapter;

(5) **Persons who restrict their lobbying activities to no more than four days or parts of four days during any three-month period and whose total expenditures during such three-month period for or on behalf of any one or more members of the legislature or state elected officials or public officers or employees of the state of Washington in connection with such lobbying do not exceed *twenty-five dollars.** The commission shall adopt rules to require disclosure by persons exempt under this subsection or their employers or entities which sponsor or coordinate the lobbying activities of such persons if it determines that such regulations are necessary to prevent frustration of the purposes of this chapter.