

**Message from the Governor
Regarding Veto of Senate Bill 99**

While I understand the purpose and intent behind S.B. 99, I believe that retaining the lobbyist registration provisions in current law promotes transparency and openness. Although the amounts involved may seem small, there is no harm in continuing to require lobbyist registration at the lower level of reportable lobbying expenditures contained in the existing statute.

Accordingly, pursuant to Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 99.

Dated: April 11, 2014

Signed: Sam Brownback
Governor of Kansas

SENATE BILL No. 99

AN ACT concerning lobbyists; regarding definitions; amending K.S.A. 46-222 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 46-222 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-222. (a) "Lobbyist" means: (1) Any person employed in considerable degree for lobbying; (2) any person formally appointed as the primary representative of an organization or other person to lobby in person on state-owned or leased property; or (3) any person who makes expenditures in an aggregate amount of ~~\$100~~ \$500 or more, exclusive of personal travel and subsistence expenses, in any calendar year for lobbying.

(b) "Lobbyist" shall not include: (1) Any state officer or employee engaged in carrying out the duties of their office; (2) the employer of a lobbyist, if such lobbyist has registered the name and address of such employer under K.S.A. 46-265, and amendments thereto; (3) any non-profit organization which has qualified under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of section 501 of the internal revenue code of ~~1954~~ 1986, as amended, which is interstate in its operations and of which a primary purpose is the nonpartisan analysis, study or research of legislative procedures or practices and the dissemination of the results thereof to the public, irrespective of whether such organization may recommend a course of action as a result of such analysis, study or research; (4) any justice or commissioner of the supreme court or judge of the judicial branch or employee or officer of the judicial branch or, any member of a board, council or commission who is appointed by the supreme court or who is elected or appointed to exercise duties pertaining to functions of the judicial branch, when such person is engaged in performing a function or duty for the judicial branch; or (5) any appointed member of an advisory council, commission or board, who serves without compensation other than amounts for expense allowances or reimbursement of expenses as provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, when such member is engaged in performing a function or duty for such council, commission or board.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-222 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.