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The GSA would like to see an amendment to the Act is to amend section 1 (h) of the Act to increase the threshold at which organizations will be required to register the lobbying of officers, employees, and directors. Under the existing law, lobbyists working on behalf of their own organizations ("organization lobbyists"), like we do for the GSA, must register with the ethics commissioner if they communicate with politicians and government decision-makers for more than 50 hours each year. This includes time spent in preparation to communicate and time spent in communication with Alberta public office holders.

Here is the section as it currently reads:

(h) "organization lobbyist" means, subject to subsection (2), an employee, officer or director of an organization who receives a payment for the performance of his or her functions, or a sole proprietor, or a partner in a partnership, (i) who lobbies or whose duty is to lobby on behalf of the organization at least 50 hours annually, or (ii) whose lobbying or duty to lobby on behalf of the organization together with the lobbying or the duty to lobby of other persons in the organization amounts to at least 50 hours annually;

The GSA would like to see that threshold increase to more than 100 hours annually, as it was in the past.

We would also like greater clarity in the exemptions mentioned in the Act and whether they apply to student associations.

Thank you,



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