

HB 1386 -- LOBBYISTS

SPONSOR: Murphy

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee of Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill modifies the definition of "legislative lobbyist" for purposes of lobbying laws to exclude legislative liaisons. In these provisions "legislative liaison" is defined as any state employee hired to communicate with members of the General Assembly on behalf of any elected official of the state; the judicial branch of state government; or any department, agency, board, or commission of the state, provided such entity is a part of the executive branch of state government. Any state employee employed as a legislative liaison who performs lobbying services for any other entity shall register as a lobbyist with respect to such lobbying services.

This bill is the same as SCS HCS HB 937 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will eliminate a small flaw in Clean Missouri and cleans up the definition for "legislative lobbyist."

Testifying for the bill was Representative Murphy.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.