

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.338**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Lobbyist and Lobbying		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 338 amends Chapter 17, Title 2 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by establishing the "2013 Ethics Reform Act". The Bill regulates lobbyist and lobbyist principle's registrations fees, report due dates, and government accountability. Furthermore, the Bill regulates Legislative Ethics Committees and makes technical changes to the electronic filing system. The Bill also amends numerous Sections relating to the misconduct of lobbyists and lobbyist principles, investigations and hearings, suspensions and removal, reinstatement guidelines, and requirements of Legislative Ethics Committee reports. The Bill also amends Section 8-13-1320, relating to contributions within a specified period after a primary, special, or general election. The Bill prohibits a candidate, committee or political party from offering consideration for an endorsement.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Ethics Commission estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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