

**Written Testimony before House Elections Committee
in Support of Section 3 of Senate Bill 100
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Section 3 in Senate Bill 100 is a recommendation made in the Governmental Ethics Commission's 2012 Annual Report and Recommendations.

Under current law, for any calendar year in which a lobbyist expects to expend less than \$100 for lobbying in each of the six reporting periods, a lobbyist can file an Affidavit of Exemption From Filing Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Reports. Although a lobbyist who files an affidavit of exemption is not required to file the six Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Reports, the lobbyist is required to file a year-end summary report on or before January 10 of the following year.

On January 10, 2013, 510 year-end summary reports were required to be filed by lobbyists who had filed an affidavit of exemption in 2012. The Commission believes this year-end summary report is a redundant report and should be eliminated. Staff resources and agency funds would be saved by eliminating this report not to mention the time and resources of the lobbyist to comply with this requirement. Lines 29-32 of SB 100 strike the language found in K.S.A. 46-268 requiring this year-end report.

The Commission has no position on the campaign finance amendments found in Sections 1 and 2 made by the Senate Elections Committee.

The Commission urges your support and passage of Section 3 of SB 100.