



New Yorkers Don't Know if Lobbyists Support or Oppose Bills, Rate-Making, and Other Government Actions

S9557/A9559 would require lobbyists to report their support or opposition, bringing New York in line with other states

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New York State currently does not require lobbyists to disclose what position they take on legislation or other government actions they are trying to influence. While you can search the NYS [Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government \(COELIG\) portal](#) for bills that lobbyists are attempting to influence, New Yorkers cannot answer the basic question of whether special interest groups are backing or trying to stop legislation.

[S9557 \(Mayer\) / A9559 \(Rajkumar\)](#) would require lobbyists to report their positions on legislation, rule-makings, and executive orders – including whether the lobbying was in “support,” “support with proposed amendments,” “opposition,” or “opposition absent proposed amendments.” Other states require lobbyists to disclose their positions on bills, including Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

Idaho requires lobbyists to report which sections they are seeking to influence within appropriations bills. New York only requires lobbyists to report bill numbers – including for budget legislation – leaving it open-ended for filers in reporting the subject of lobbying, since NY’s budget bills are hundreds of pages long. [S9557/A9559](#) requires lobbyists to say what specific appropriations they are supporting or opposing.

Below is a sampling of other states that require more information in their lobbying reports.

Other States Show Whether Lobbyists Support or Oppose Bills



Reporting examples from Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Idaho.
Context: S9557/A9559 would require similar position disclosures in New York.

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<p>Montana</p>	<p>Reports show whether the lobbying activity was in support, opposition, or modification of official actions. (See 44.12.102 of the Administrative Rules of Montana)</p>	<p>Lobbying disclosed by AAA in 2025 (No unique url; use Registry of Lobbying Activities to search)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #0072bc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Issues and Positions</p> <p>Bill draft requests, bill numbers, and legislative issues* for which a major effort** was exerted to support, oppose, or modify the introduction or enactment of legislation, and stating the Principal's position.</p> <p>* Describe in sufficient detail to ensure determination of subject, i.e. "no-fault insurance," "methane gas regulation," etc. ** See Administrative Rules of Montana 44.12.102(6)</p> </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">ISSUE DESCRIPTION</th> <th style="width: 20%;">POSITION</th> <th style="width: 20%;">CREATED DATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SB 359</td> <td>Support</td> <td>03/12/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SB 359 Distracted Driving Law</td> <td>Support</td> <td>04/11/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HB 586 Child Safety restraint system laws</td> <td>Support</td> <td>04/11/2025</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISSUE DESCRIPTION	POSITION	CREATED DATE	SB 359	Support	03/12/2025	SB 359 Distracted Driving Law	Support	04/11/2025	HB 586 Child Safety restraint system laws	Support	04/11/2025																																																																		
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<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Requires lobbyist clients to report whether they are supporting, opposing, amending, or monitoring the legislation. (See Part 3 of Colorado's "Sunshine Law").</p>	<p>Portal example: SB25-134 results include Supporting, Amending, and Monitoring. (No unique url, must enter information into portal).</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #0072bc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Bill Search Results</p> <p>Results for SB25-134 - Uniform Guardianship & Conservatorship Act</p> <p>Results in Excel format (CSV)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Next 7>]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Found 27 matching record(s). Viewing page 1 of 2.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Lobbyist</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Client</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Position</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Start Date</th> <th style="width: 10%;">End Date</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Bill #</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 Emma Hudson Consulting LLC</td> <td>Alliance</td> <td>Supporting</td> <td>02/24/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 BALCEROVICH, STEVE</td> <td>BACKGROUND INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.</td> <td>Amending</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Coleman Legislative Advocacy, LLC</td> <td>BACKGROUND INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.</td> <td>Amending</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 GOFF, ERIN E</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 HACKENBERGER, MICKI M</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 HB Strategies</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Hackenberger, Carrie</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 J. Andrew Green & Assoc., Inc.</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 LaBriola, Lisa</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 Lo, Elizabeth</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Neimond, Kevin</td> <td>Colorado Counties Inc.</td> <td>Monitoring</td> <td>02/25/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs</td> <td>Jefferson County Human Services</td> <td>Supporting</td> <td>02/12/2025</td> <td>06/30/2025</td> <td>SB25-134</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Lobbyist	Client	Position	Start Date	End Date	Bill #	1 Emma Hudson Consulting LLC	Alliance	Supporting	02/24/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	2 BALCEROVICH, STEVE	BACKGROUND INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	Amending	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	3 Coleman Legislative Advocacy, LLC	BACKGROUND INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	Amending	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	4 GOFF, ERIN E	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	5 HACKENBERGER, MICKI M	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	6 HB Strategies	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	7 Hackenberger, Carrie	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	8 J. Andrew Green & Assoc., Inc.	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	9 LaBriola, Lisa	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	10 Lo, Elizabeth	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	11 Neimond, Kevin	Colorado Counties Inc.	Monitoring	02/25/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134	12 Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs	Jefferson County Human Services	Supporting	02/12/2025	06/30/2025	SB25-134
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<p>Wisconsin</p>	<p>Requires lobbyists to list their position on legislation and other matters, and also upload "supporting documentation" such as memos of support. (See their Lobbying Users Guide).</p>	<p>See the reporting on positions via the lobbying portal below where red down arrows represent opposition to a bill. (No unique url, use the portal to see positions.)</p> <div data-bbox="737 821 1515 1234" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Assembly Bill 560</p> <p><small>Relating To: Relating to: prohibiting the use of absentee ballot drop boxes for any election. Bill Text and History <input type="button" value="Add to a FOCUS Subscription"/></small></p> <p>Lobbying Principals</p> <p><small>Print</small></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Principal Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Notified Date</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Communication Date</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Comments</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Supporting Documentation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>↓ AARP</td><td>11/17/2025</td><td>N/A</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>↓ All Voting is Local Action</td><td>10/22/2025</td><td>N/A</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>↓ American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Inc</td><td>10/26/2025</td><td>N/A</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>↓ City of Madison</td><td>11/4/2025</td><td>N/A</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>↓ City of Milwaukee</td><td>11/3/2025</td><td>11/3/2025</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Principal Name	Notified Date	Communication Date	Comments	Supporting Documentation	↓ AARP	11/17/2025	N/A			↓ All Voting is Local Action	10/22/2025	N/A			↓ American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Inc	10/26/2025	N/A			↓ City of Madison	11/4/2025	N/A			↓ City of Milwaukee	11/3/2025	11/3/2025												
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<p>Idaho</p>	<p>Reporting must include information about the items within appropriation bills being lobbied on. (See Lobbyist Manual and Chapter 66 of Title 67 of the Idaho Statutes).</p>	<p>For the Idaho Medical Association, they report working on several appropriations bills, along with the specific sections of the bill that they sought to influence (no unique url; use portal to search).</p> <div data-bbox="737 1360 1515 1770" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Bill Information</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Status</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Appropriations Bill ↓</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Bill Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>⊖ H0920 - Approp, health education, add'l</td> <td>LAW+</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div data-bbox="789 1486 1507 1577" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Lobbyist</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Report Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Lobbying Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Johnson-Waskow, Hailee</td> <td>1, 2, 3</td> <td>2026 March Lobbyist Report</td> <td>2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">Items per page: <input type="text" value="10"/> 1 - 1 of 1 < < > > </p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>⊕ H0978 - Approp, H&W, pub hlth srvs, add'l</td> <td>To Gov*</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>⊕ S1401 - Approp, H&W, pub hlth srvs, add'l</td> <td>H FAILED</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>⊕ S1453 - Approp, H&W, rural health, add'l</td> <td>To Gov*</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Bill Information	Status	Appropriations Bill ↓	Bill Year	⊖ H0920 - Approp, health education, add'l	LAW+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2026	Lobbyist	Description	Report Name	Lobbying Year	Johnson-Waskow, Hailee	1, 2, 3	2026 March Lobbyist Report	2026	⊕ H0978 - Approp, H&W, pub hlth srvs, add'l	To Gov*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2026	⊕ S1401 - Approp, H&W, pub hlth srvs, add'l	H FAILED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2026	⊕ S1453 - Approp, H&W, rural health, add'l	To Gov*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2026												
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