

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5449

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE

**Title:** LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

**Vote Date:** 3/26/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/13/2024

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

The legislation aims to address a deficiency in the current sessional lobbyist ban by extending the legislative sessional ban on contributions and solicitations by lobbyists and lobbyist political committees to any candidate or exploratory committee for municipal office that is established by a legislator or state officer.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Michael Brandi, SEEC Executive Director:

Offers support, stating that the bill addresses a loophole that allows the sessional lobbyist ban to not apply to municipal candidates that also serve as members of the General Assembly, where lobbyists can legally contribute full amounts to such candidates. This undermines the point of having a sessional lobbyist ban.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

General Statements of Opposition Expressed:

Jermaine Cruz

Glenn Fuoco

Kristyn D'Amato  
Nicholas D'Amato

**Reported by: Lindsay de Brito**

**Date: 4/3/24**