HB 2038: expenditure reporting; hosted event

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<u>Overview</u>

States that the reported expenditures for a hosted event must be in the amount of the actual cost incurred for the food, beverage and other tangible benefits that are received by the state officer or employee invited to the event.

History

Special events for legislators, to which all members of the legislature, either house of the legislature or any committee of the legislature are invited, must be reported by a principal or lobbyist for all expenditures incurred. These special events could include parties, dinners, athletic events, entertainment and other functions. The reported expenditures are not required to be allocated to individual legislators, but statute prescribes the items that must be included in the expenditure report (A.R.S. §41-1232.02).

Current statute defines *gift* as a distribution, expenditure, payment, advance, deposit or donation of money, any intangible personal property or any kind of tangible personal or real property. However, there are several exceptions to the definition of *gift* including any expenditures that are either properly reported or exempt from reporting such as a speaking engagement, food or beverages, travel and lodging or flowers (A.R.S. §41-1231).

Provisions

- 1. Requires the expenditures incurred by a principal or lobbyist for a hosted event to which state officers or employees are invited to be reported in the amount of the actual cost incurred for the benefits received by the state officers or employees. (Sec. 2)
- 2. Specifies that the reportable expenditures are not based on the overall sponsorship amount that is incurred by the principal or lobbyist that benefits the hosting organization. (Sec. 2)
- 3. Stipulates that the principal or lobbyist who invites the state officers or employees is the person responsible for reporting the expenditures. (Sec. 2)
- 4. Includes hosted event as an item that is not considered a gift if the expenditures are properly reported as prescribed in statute. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Defines hosted event. (Sec. 1)
- 6. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2)

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