

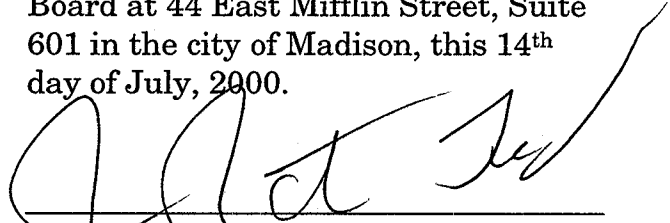
Clearinghouse Rule 00-071

STATE OF WISCONSIN            )  
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ETHICS BOARD                    )

I, Roth Judd, Director of the Wisconsin Ethics Board and custodian of the official records, certify that the annexed rule, relating to reporting the topic of a lobbying communication, was duly approved and adopted by this board on May 16, 2000.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this board and that it is a true copy of the original, and of the whole original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Wisconsin Ethics Board at 44 East Mifflin Street, Suite 601 in the city of Madison, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

  
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Roth Judd, Director

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## ORDER OF THE WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

The Wisconsin Ethics Board adopts an order creating Wisconsin Administrative Code section Eth 1.03, relating to reporting the topic of a lobbying communication.

Analysis prepared by the Wisconsin Ethics Board.

### Analysis

Statutory authority: s. 13.685(4), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 13.67 and 13.68(1)(bn), Stats.

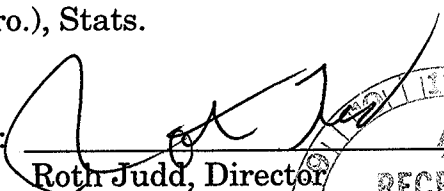
The Ethics Board administers Wisconsin's Lobbying Law, Ch. 13, subch. III, Stats. Under an amendment to that law, 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, s. 3n, a lobbying principal must identify (and others may identify) to the Ethics Board, beginning July 1, 2000, a topic of a lobbying communication that is not a legislative proposal or proposed administrative rule that has been numbered or a budget bill subject. Section.13.67, Stats. The statute requires that a principal describe each topic with reasonable specificity, sufficient to identify the subject matter of the lobbying communication and whether the communication is an attempt to influence legislative or administrative action, or both. Section 13.685(4), Stats., requires that the Ethics Board, by rule, define what constitutes a topic. The proposed rule describes the type of information that a lobbying principal must provide to satisfy the statutory identification requirement, pursuant to ss. 13.67 and 13.68(1)(bn), Stats.

### Rule

**1.03. Topic of a lobbying communication.** A person reports a topic as provided by s. 13.67, Stats., if the person provides the board with a succinct written statement sufficient to put the reader on notice of the communication's subject matter and whether the communication is an attempt to influence legislative or administrative action, or both.

This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the register as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated: July 14, 2000

Agency:   
Roth Judd, Director

