

From: Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>

To: Imartin@alicemfgco.com <Imartin@alicemfgco.com>

CC: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>

Date: 1/27/2014 11:09:27 AM

Subject: Ethics - H.3945

Attachments: R52 - Ethics Commission.pdf

Senator Martin,

I wanted to follow up with you about the Ethics Commission's Accountability Report (attached) and what it cites regarding number of complaints and the number of persons within their jurisdiction. According to the Accountability Report, the Ethics Act applies to approximately 285,000 state employees; however that does not mean that the Ethics Commission is actively overseeing them. The Ethics Act also applies to approximately 10,000 public officials and they are required to file forms (Statement of Economic Interest and Campaign Disclosure) with the Commission. The table below details the number of complaints filed over the last 10 years. Our office is reviewing how complaints were resolved in a given year; however in our cursory review, it appears that most complaints were filed and initiated by the Commission due to failure to a report (SEI, Campaign Disclosure, Lobbying Disclosure) and then a fine was assessed.

Please let me know if Heather is ready to share the new amendment. I am happy to contact her as well.

Thanks,
Swati

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
COMPLAINTS										
Filed	111	136	136	125	133	139	140	100	143	150
Final Disposition	110	112	152	116	111	119	154	86	124	146
On Hand	44	58	22	33	35	44	43	54	70	74
ADVISORY OPINIONS										
Formal	3	3	4	9	8	5	3	4	3	1
Informal	68	73	64	65	54	45	165*	385*	699*	736*
FORMS										
Statement of Economic Interests	9104	8776	9402	9430	9182	7368	9059	7971	10232	9672
Campaign Disclosure Form	4873	5158	6499	5030	5563	6319	5702	6097	6290	7388
Lobbyist/ Lobbyist's Principal Registration & Reports	4445	3542	4984	4803	5525	4746	4643	4306	4705	4686
TRAINING SESSIONS										
Conducted	19	16	30	28	28	29	35	28	40	28
Participants	530	1724	1276**	1640**	1294**	979**	1073**	1,454**	2100**	1445**