

351—8.3 (68B) Individuals not considered executive branch lobbyists. The following individuals are not considered to be executive branch lobbyists:

1. Officials and employees of a political party that is organized in the state of Iowa and that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 43.2, when the officials and employees represent the political party in an official capacity.

2. Representatives of the news media only when engaged in the reporting and dissemination of news and editorials.

3. All federal, state, and local elected officials, while performing the duties and responsibilities of office.

4. Individuals whose activities are limited to appearances to give testimony or provide information or assistance at public hearings of state agencies or who are giving testimony or providing information or assistance at the request of public officials or employees.

5. Members of the staff of the United States Congress or the Iowa general assembly.

6. Agency officials and employees while they are engaged in activities within the agency in which they serve or are employed or with another agency within which an official's or employee's agency is involved in a collaborative project.

7. An individual who is a member, director, trustee, officer, or committee member of a business, trade, labor, farm, professional, religious, education, or charitable association, foundation, or organization and who is not paid compensation or is not specifically designated as an executive branch lobbyist.

8. Individuals whose activities are limited to submitting data, views, or arguments in writing, or requesting an opportunity to make an oral presentation under Iowa Code section 17A.4(1).

9. Individuals whose activities are limited to monitoring or following the progress of legislation, a rule, or an executive order, but who do not engage in executive branch lobbying.

10. Individuals who represent a client in responding to a request for proposal or otherwise receiving a contract or grant from a state agency.

11. Individuals who represent a client involved in a legal dispute with the state, including a contested case proceeding.

12. Individuals advocating for or against the appointment of a particular individual to a board or commission of the state.

Individuals who are uncertain as to whether or not they are considered executive branch lobbyists should contact the board for guidance prior to engaging in any executive branch lobbying.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.2(13).