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**NYS COMMISSION ON
ETHICS AND LOBBYING
IN GOVERNMENT**

PRELIMINARY BI-MONTHLY LOBBYING DATA

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026

Data as entered in 2026 lobbying filings as of March 30, 2026.

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PRELIMINARY TOTAL LOBBYING SPENDING UP 19% IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

Total Spending Reaches \$77.62M

**Total Expenses Incurred by Lobbyists More Than Doubled from Same Period Last
Year**

Budget Bills Comprised 8 of the Top 10 Lobbied Bills

January-February 2026 Data Charts Now Available

The preliminary lobbying data from January-February 2026 shows lobbying spending totaled \$77.62 million, up 18.9% from the same period in 2025, driven by a 145.4% increase in expenses, NYS Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government Executive Director Sanford N. Berland announced today. Detailed charts on January-February 2026 lobbying activity are now available.

“Lobbying activity in 2026 was off to a robust start, as indicated by preliminary spending for January-February 2026, which was higher than any other bi-monthly spending total reported throughout 2025,” Executive Director Berland said. “The surge in overall spending seen for this reporting period underscores the intensity of lobbying efforts around the State Budget. As always, transparency remains a top priority for the Commission, and we will continue our work to ensure the public knows who is trying to influence state and local officials’ decision-making.”

“As expected, budget bills dominated the most-lobbied bills list for this reporting period,” Chair Seymour W. James, Jr. said. “The increased focus on budget bills, paired with an increase in lobbying spending, demonstrates the importance of timely and accurate filings in providing transparency and ensuring that the state government is acting in the public’s best interest. The Commission will continue to monitor these filings and deliver accessible, up-to-date lobbying data and trend information year-round.”

January-February 2026 Preliminary Lobbying Spending

The preliminary lobbying spending for January-February 2026 totaled \$77.62 million, up \$15.2 million, or 24.4%, from November-December 2025 and \$12.4 million, or 18.9%, from January-February 2025. Lobbyist compensation totaled \$58.66 million, marking a 4.3% increase from November-December 2025 and a 1.9% increase from the \$57.5 million spent in January-February 2025. Expenses totaled \$18.96 million, a 208.0% increase from the \$6.16 million spent from November-December 2025 and a 145.4% increase from the \$7.72 million expended in January-February 2025. Expenses included \$17.02 million in itemized expenses, up \$10.4 million from the same period last year, as well as \$1.73 million in non-lobbying expenses, and \$203,619 in expenses less than \$75.

January-February 2026 Ten Most Highly Compensated Retained Lobbyists

The three most highly compensated retained lobbyists remained unchanged from November-December 2025. Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC continued to hold the first spot at \$4.2 million, followed by Bolton-St Johns, LLC at \$2.9 million and Kasirer LLC at \$2.9 million. Greenberg Traurig, LLP remained in fourth at \$2.5 million, followed by Ostroff Associates, Inc (#5), Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC (#6), The Parkside Group, LLC (#7), and Hollis Public Affairs Inc. (#8). Rounding out the top 10 were Mirram Group LLC (#9) at \$1.2 million and Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC at \$1.2 million (#10).

January-February 2026 Lobbyists Firms Ranked by Number of Clients

The top three lobbying firms ranked by number of clients in January-February 2026 saw no change from December-November 2025. Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC, remained in the first spot with 314 Contractual Clients and 352 Beneficial Clients, followed by Bolton-St. Johns, LLC with 240 Contractual Clients and 242 Beneficial Clients and Greenberg Traurig, LLP with 201 Contractual Clients and 208 Beneficial Clients. Kasirer LLC remained in the fourth spot, followed by Ostroff Associates, Inc. (#5), Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC (#6), Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC (#7), and Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC (#8). Rounding out the top 10 were The Parkside Group, LLC (#9) and Hollis Public Affairs Inc. (#10).

January-February 2026 Top Bills, Topics, and Parties Lobbied

Budget bills comprised eight of the top 10 lobbied bills in January-February 2026. The four Aid to Localities Budget bills claimed the top spot, followed by major components of the state transportation, economic development, and environmental conservation budget, with two related bills. Major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year claimed the third spot with two related bills.

The top subjects/topics lobbied saw changes from November-December 2025, with health moving into the top spot, followed by miscellaneous business and budget appropriations.

The top three parties lobbied were the Executive Chamber/Office of the Governor with 761 filings, followed by NYS Senate Majority Program and Counsel Staff with 607 filings and the NYS Assembly Majority Program and Counsel Staff with 540 filings.

COELIG Ongoing Efforts to Increase Accessibility to Lobbying Data

A chief priority for the Commission since its inception has been to increase public awareness of and access to the substantial volume of data the Commission receives:

- **More Frequent and Timely Lobbying Reports:** In 2025, the Commission began releasing preliminary aggregated lobbying data every two months to increase transparency in lobbying spending.
- **Open NY:** In 2023, COELIG added its [hundreds of millions of lobbying records to the Open NY data website](#), including Lobbyist Bi-Monthly Reports, becoming the largest single dataset hosted on the platform. To date, more than 358 million lobbying records from 2019 through the present are available for download by journalists, researchers, and the public.
- **Lobbying Registration and Termination Docket:** To increase public access to lobbying data, in 2023 [COELIG launched an enhanced Lobbying Registration and Termination Docket](#) that provides increased transparency for basic information about the contractual agreements between clients and lobbyists, including level of government to be lobbied, whether it is anticipated that the \$5,000 registration threshold will be exceeded, and compensation and expense information.

About COELIG

Established by the 2022 Ethics Commission Reform Act and made effective in July 2022, the Commission's charge is to foster public trust in government by ensuring compliance with the state's ethics and lobbying laws and regulations. It has jurisdiction over more than 330,000 officers and employees at state agencies and departments, including commissions, boards, state public benefit corporations, public authorities, SUNY, CUNY, and the statutory closely affiliated corporations; the four statewide elected officials and candidates for those offices; employees and members of the state Legislature and legislative candidates; and state and local lobbyists and their clients.

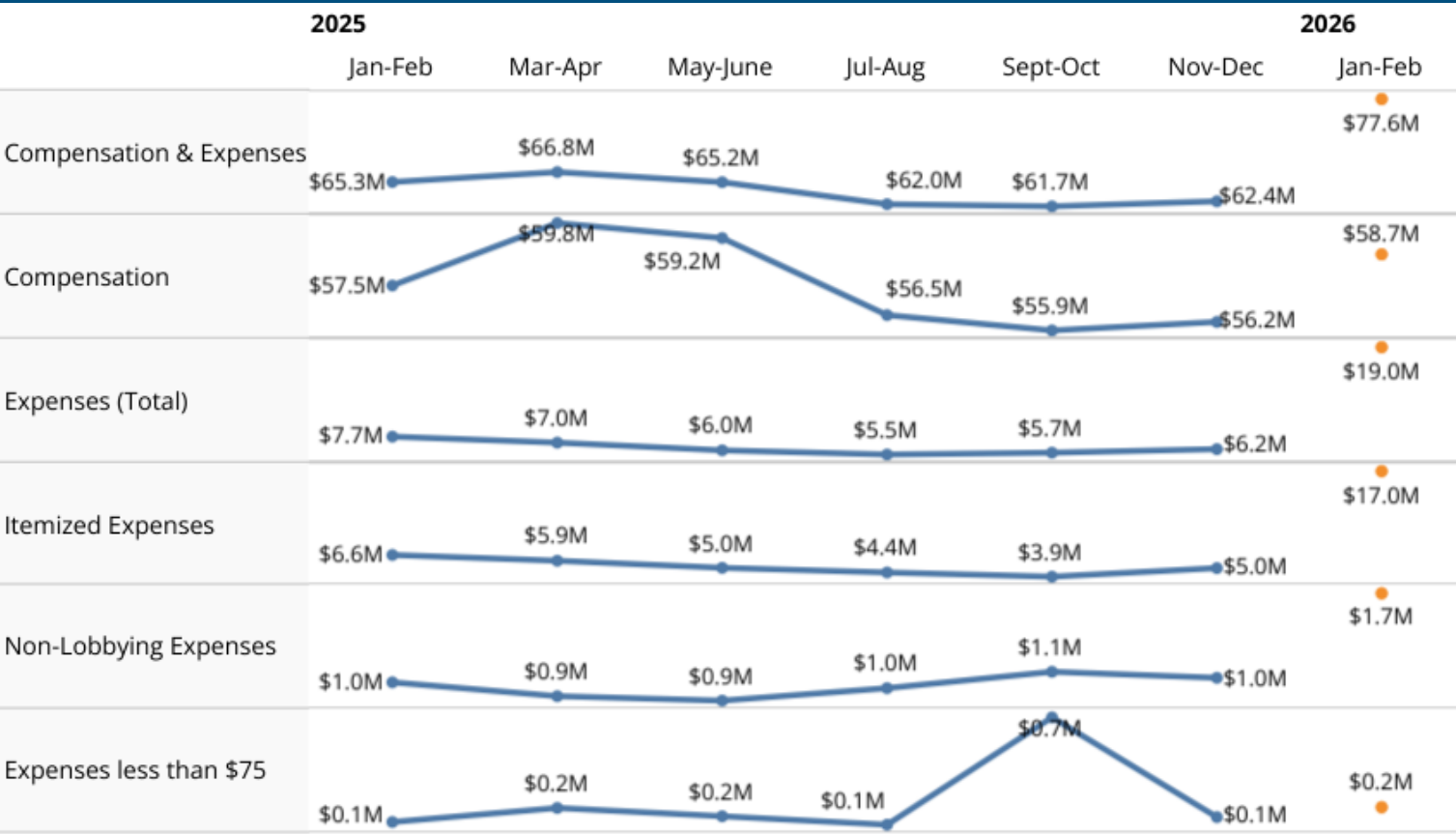
The Commission administers, enforces, and interprets New York's ethics and lobbying laws by providing information, education, and guidance regarding ethics and lobbying laws; promoting compliance through audits, investigations, and enforcement proceedings; issuing formal and informal advisory opinions; and promulgating regulations implementing the laws under its jurisdiction.

The Commission promotes transparency by conducting its proceedings publicly to the fullest extent permitted by law and by making the financial and other disclosures filed by those subject to the Commission's authority publicly available. These disclosures include, but are not limited to, annual financial disclosure statements filed by over 30,000

individuals, and millions of records contained in registration statements and activity and expense reports filed by lobbyists and their clients.

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Preliminary Lobbying Spending January-February 2026



Category	2025						2026
	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-June	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec	Jan-Feb
Compensation & Expenses	\$65,272,001	\$66,751,746	\$65,249,594	\$61,974,116	\$61,654,811	\$62,401,578	\$77,619,553
Compensation	\$57,547,695	\$59,778,540	\$59,243,522	\$56,490,890	\$55,942,576	\$56,245,442	\$58,661,451
Expenses (Total)	\$7,724,306	\$6,973,206	\$6,006,072	\$5,483,226	\$5,712,235	\$6,156,136	\$18,958,102
Itemized Expenses	\$6,604,948	\$5,886,332	\$5,003,482	\$4,427,455	\$3,903,147	\$4,971,769	\$17,024,112
Non-Lobbying Expenses	\$1,001,361	\$887,789	\$851,268	\$953,371	\$1,087,574	\$1,038,010	\$1,730,371
Expenses less than \$75	\$117,997	\$199,085	\$151,322	\$102,400	\$721,514	\$146,357	\$203,619

Preliminary Professional Lobbyists by Compensation January-February 2026

Rank	Entity	Compensation
1	Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC	\$4,210,171
2	Bolton-St Johns, LLC	\$2,909,091
3	Kasirer LLC	\$2,852,903
4	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	\$2,534,382
5	Ostroff Associates, Inc	\$1,702,864
6	Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC	\$1,359,316
7	The Parkside Group LLC	\$1,312,938
8	Hollis Public Affairs, Inc	\$1,206,300
9	Mirram Group LLC	\$1,195,183
10	Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC	\$1,176,970

Preliminary Professional Lobbyists by Contractual Clients January-February 2026

Rank	Entity	Contractual Clients
1	Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC	314
2	Bolton-St Johns, LLC	240
3	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	201
4	Kasirer LLC	183
5	Ostroff Associates, Inc	152
6	Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC	116
7	Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC	106
8	Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC	103
9	The Parkside Group LLC	99
10	Hollis Public Affairs, Inc	91

Preliminary Professional Lobbyists by Beneficial Clients January-February 2026

Rank	Entity	Beneficial Clients
1	Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC	352
2	Bolton-St Johns, LLC	242
3	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	208
4	Kasirer LLC	188
5	Ostroff Associates, Inc	152
6	Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC	121
7	Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC	106
8	The Parkside Group LLC	105
9	Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC	103
10	Hollis Public Affairs, Inc	92

Preliminary Most Lobbied Parties, January-February 2026

RANK	PARTY	# FILINGS
1	Executive Chamber/Office of the Governor	761
2	NYS Senate Majority Program and Counsel Staff	607
3	NYS Assembly Majority Program and Counsel Staff	540
4	Senator Jeremy A. Cooney	296
5	Ways and Means (Assembly Committee)	260
6	Senator Jamaal T. Bailey	258
7	Senator Pete Harckham	256
	Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages	256
8	Finance (Senate Committee)	254
9	Division of the Budget	243
	Assemblymember J. Gary Pretlow	243
10	Assemblymember John T. McDonald III	235

Preliminary Most Lobbied Topics, January-February 2026

Rank	Subjects Lobbied	# of Filings	# of Clients	# of Lobbyists
1	Health	1,416	1,164	846
2	Miscellaneous Business	1,037	878	244
3	Budget/Appropriations	894	760	392
4	Real Estate	838	728	313
5	Energy & Natural Resources	638	569	484
6	Education	539	454	352
7	Labor	530	468	362
8	Economic Development	497	446	272
9	Transportation	446	383	340
10	Insurance	319	266	231

Most Lobbied Bill Titles, January-February 2026

Rank	Bill Title	Related Bills	Total Filings
1	Aid To Localities Budget	S9003 A10003 S3003 A3003	376
2	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year.	S9008 A10008	346
3	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year.	S9007 A10007	306
4	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state public protection and general government budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year.	S9005 A10005	215
5	Capital Projects Budget	S9004 A10004 S3004 A3004	188
6	Enacts the "packaging reduction and recycling infrastructure act."	S1464 A1749	157
7	Enacts into law major components of legislation which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year.	S9009 A10009	143
8	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year.	S9006 A10006	125
9	State Operations Budget	S9000 A10000 A3000 S3000	96
10	Relates to establishing the "340B prescription drug anti-discrimination act."	S1913 A6222	94