



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

# **PRELIMINARY BI-MONTHLY LOBBYING DATA**

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2025**

Data as entered in 2025 lobbying filings as of March 25, 2025.

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### **COELIG TO SHED LIGHT ON HOW LOBBYING SPENDING CHANGES OVER THE YEAR BY RELEASING LOBBYING DATA EVERY TWO MONTHS**

**Preliminary Total Lobbying Spending for January-February 2025  
Reached \$65.27 Million**

**Budget Bills Comprised Eight of the Top 10 Lobbied Bills**

**January-February 2025 Charts Now Available**

To increase public accessibility and transparency in lobbying spending, the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government will begin to release preliminary lobbying spending data analyses every two months, Executive Director Sanford N. Berland announced today. The preliminary data from January-February 2025 shows total lobbying spending reached \$65.27 million. Detailed charts on January-February 2025 lobbying data are now available. (LINK)

“Since the Commission’s creation, one of our top priorities has been to enhance public awareness of, and overall transparency in lobbying spending so the public knows who is trying to influence state and local officials’ decision-making,” Executive Director Berland said. “Releasing bi-monthly aggregated data reports complements the real-time data we have available on our website and the 278 million records we have made available for download on Open NY.”

“These bi-monthly lobbying reports are the latest in our continued efforts to make our data more accessible to New Yorkers,” Chair Leonard B. Austin said. “With more frequent reporting on lobbying spending, the public will be able to see shifts in lobbying over the course of the year. This will shed more light and provide clarity on how lobbying dollars are being used.”

## **January-February 2025 Preliminary Lobbying Spending and Top Professional Lobbyists**

The preliminary lobbying spending for January-February 2025 totaled \$65.27 million. Spending on compensation alone reached \$57.55 million while expenses totaled \$7.72 million. The total expenses included \$6.6 million in itemized expenses, \$1 million in non-lobbying expenses, and more than \$117,000 in expenses less than \$75.

The top three Retained Lobbyists, ranked by compensation only, included Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC at \$4.1 million, Kasirer LLC at \$3.0 million, and Bolton-St Johns, LLC at \$3.0 million. Greenberg Traurig, LLP came in fourth at \$2.8 million, followed by Ostroff Associates, Inc at \$1.6 million in compensation. Rounding out the top ten were Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC (#6), The Parkside Group, LLC (#7), Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC (#8), Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, LLC (#9), and Mirram Group LLC (#10).

## **January-February 2025 Lobbyists Firms Ranked by Number of Clients**

The top three lobbying firms in January-February 2025 included Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC with 312 Contractual Clients and 244 Beneficial Clients, Bolton-St. Johns, LLC with 250 Contractual Clients and 252 Beneficial Clients, and Kasirer LLC with 192 Contractual Clients and 196 Beneficial Clients. Greenberg Traurig, LLP came in fourth on the list, followed by Ostroff Associates, Inc. at number five. The remainder of the top ten included Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC (#6), Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC (#7), Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC (#8), The Parkside Group, LLC (#9), and Hollis Public Affairs, Inc. (#10).

## **January-February 2025 Top Topics, Bills, and Parties Lobbied**

Miscellaneous Business, Budget/Appropriations, and Health represented the top three lobbying subjects/topics for the start of 2025. Budget bills comprised eight of the top 10 lobbied in January-February 2025, which included Assembly Bill 3007 and Senate Bill 3007, both of which centered on implementing the state Health and Mental Hygiene Budget. In the third spot was Senate Bill 3008, which advocates for major components of the state transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget. In addition, the top three parties lobbied are as follows: Executive Chamber/Office of the Governor with 619 filings, NYS Senate Majority Program and Counsel Staff with 535 filings, and NYS Assembly Majority Program and Counsel Staff with 357 filings.

## **COELIG Ongoing Efforts to Increase Accessibility to Lobbying Data**

A top priority for the Commission since its inception has been to increase public accessibility to the data the Commission holds:

- **Open NY:** In 2023, COELIG's lobbying data became the largest data set on Open NY when it added its hundreds of millions of lobbying records to the open-platform website. Today, more than 278 million lobbying records are available for download by journalists, researchers, and the public.

- **Section 166 Forms:** In early 2024, the Commission digitized thousands of the 2022 and 2023 Executive Law Section 166 records of appearance before the 11 Executive Branch agencies and departments designated in that statute, so they are more readily searchable and available electronically to anyone who requests access. The Commission continues to add records for 2024 and 2025.
- **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 more transparent information about the contractual agreements between clients and lobbyists, including level of government to be lobbied, description of agreement, compensation and expense information, and more.

## 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 registrations and activity and expense reports filed by lobbyists and their clients.

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## (1) PRELIMINARY LOBBYING SPENDING, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

Total Dollars Reported Spent on Lobbying by Expense Category

	Total
Number of lobbyists/public corporations	5,178
<b>Compensation and expenses (Total)</b>	<b>\$65,272,001</b>
<b>Compensation</b>	<b>\$57,547,695</b>
<b>Expenses (Subtotal)</b>	<b>\$7,724,306</b>
Itemized expenses	\$6,604,948
Expenses less than \$75	\$117,997
Non-lobbying expenses	\$1,001,361

Spending figures represent January-February 2025 compensation and expense amounts reported in lobbyist bi-monthly and public corporation bi-monthly filings as of March 25, 2025.

## (2) PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

Retained Lobbyists Ranked by Compensation Only

1	Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC	\$4.1M
2	Kasirer LLC	\$3.0M
3	Bolton-St Johns, LLC	\$3.0M
4	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	\$2.8M
5	Ostroff Associates, Inc	\$1.6M
6	Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC	\$1.3M
7	The Parkside Group LLC	\$1.2M
8	Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC	\$1.1M
9	Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, LLC	\$1.1M
10	Mirram Group LLC	\$1.0M

Ranking based on January-February 2025 compensation information reported in lobbyist bi-monthly filings submitted as of March 25, 2025.

### (3) LOBBYING FIRMS RANKED BY GREATEST NUMBER OF CONTRACTUAL CLIENTS, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

Rank	Principal Lobbyist	# of Contractual Clients	# of Beneficial Clients	Compensation
1	Brown & Weinraub Advisors, LLC	312	344	\$4,075,860
2	Bolton-St. Johns, LLC	250	252	\$2,976,321
3	Kasirer LLC	192	196	\$3,008,572
4	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	186	194	\$2,753,675
5	Ostroff Associates, Inc.	142	144	\$1,583,116
6	Hinman Straub Advisors, LLC	117	122	\$1,319,133
7	Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC	113	113	\$1,140,995
8	Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC	92	92	\$1,008,874
9	The Parkside Group LLC	91	96	\$1,181,422
10	Hollis Public Affairs, Inc.	85	86	\$968,943

Firms are ranked by the number of contractual clients reported on 2025-2026 Lobbyist Statements of Registration. Total compensation is the sum of all compensation paid by clients to principal lobbyists as reported in January-February 2025 lobbyist bi-monthly filings as of March 25, 2025.

### (4) TOP TOPIC TRENDS, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

Subjects Lobbied Ranked by Selections Indicated in Lobbyist Bi-Monthly and Public Corporation Bi-Monthly Filings

Rank	Subjects Lobbied	# of Lobbyists	# of Clients	# of Filings
1	Miscellaneous Business - General	203	855	986
2	Budget/Appropriations	375	721	847
3	Health - General	305	537	656
4	Real Estate - General	154	499	586
5	Economic Development - General	154	305	346
6	Education - General	175	274	324
7	Labor - General	154	200	229
8	Transportation - General	136	198	226
9	Energy & Natural Resources - General	146	197	225
10	Health - Hospitals & Nursing Homes	91	134	163

"Subjects Lobbied" represents the number of lobbyists who reported the activity on behalf of a client in January-February 2025 bi-monthly filings submitted as of March 25, 2025. The number of lobbyists and number of clients are counted from the associated registrations.

## (5) TOP TEN MOST LOBBIED BILLS, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

Rank	Focus Number	Title	# of		
			Lobbyists	# of Clients	# of Filings
1	A3007	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal year	89	130	150
2	S3007	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal year	88	127	146
3	S3008	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal year	83	123	139
4	S3003	AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET	66	122	133
5	A3008	Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal year	75	111	125
6	A3003	AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET	66	113	123
7	S1464	Enacts the "packaging reduction and recycling infrastructure act"	51	52	62
8	S3004	CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET	35	57	61
9	A1749	Enacts the "packaging reduction and recycling infrastructure act"	48	48	58
10	A3004	CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET	32	51	55

Lobbied bills are ranked by the number of filings in which they appeared. Lobbied bills are reported by both lobbyists and public corporations in bi-monthly filings for each unique Principal/Client/Beneficial Client grouping. These table counts reflect January-February 2025 bi-monthly filings submitted as of March 25, 2025.

**(6) TOP 15 MOST LOBBIED PARTIES, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025**

Rank	Party	# of Lobbyists	# of Clients	# of Filings
1	Executive Chamber/Office of the Governor	291	540	619
2	NYS Senate Majority Program and Counsel Staff	173	471	535
3	NYS Assembly Majority Program and Counsel Staff	152	307	357
4	Senator Jeremy A. Cooney	139	209	236
5	Ways and Means (Assembly Committee)	116	194	224
6	Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages	125	192	214
7	Senator Pete Harckham	132	180	202
8	Assemblymember John T. McDonald III	131	171	198
9	Senator Jamaal T. Bailey	120	177	198
10	Assemblymember Amy R. Paulin, staff member	112	174	193
11	Assemblymember Harry B. Bronson	111	170	188
12	Finance (Senate Committee)	110	159	186
13	Assemblymember Amy R. Paulin	114	165	185
14	Senator James G. Skoufis	110	166	181
15	Senator Michael N. Gianaris	107	154	177

Lobbied parties are ranked by the number of January-February 2025 bi-monthly filings in which they appear. In case of a tie, the party lobbied by a greater number of lobbyists and clients is assigned a higher rank. Lobbied parties are reported by both lobbyists and public corporations in bi-monthly filings for each unique Principal/Client/Beneficial Client grouping. These table counts reflect January-February 2025 bi-monthly filings submitted as of March 25, 2025.