

## **2017 Lobbyist Registration Audit of James Weaver**

### **FINDING(S)**

**James Weaver failed to complete his required lobbyist training** (See Training section).

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- American Resort Development Association
- BFI Waste Systems of Tennessee, LLC
- CKE Restaurants, Inc.
- H.G. Hill Realty Company, LLC
- Kinder Morgan
- Monroe Development Partners, LLC
- Opus Inspection, Inc.
- Rogers Group, Inc.
- Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis
- Tennessee Football, Inc.
- T-Mobile USA, Inc.
- TN Road Builders Assn.
- Vulcan Construction Materials, LP

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Mr. James Weaver registered as a lobbyist for thirteen employers during 2017. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Weaver timely registered all his lobbying relationships and paid all registration fees.

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Weaver, he was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of these documents appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

### **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Mr. Weaver reported he had no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

### **TRAINING**

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Mr. James Weaver did not complete his required lobbyist training for the 2017 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then administratively entered into the system records. Based on the review of the system records Mr. Weaver did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2017. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Mr. Weaver paid all training fees.