

## State Government Public Policy Concerns of the Government Affairs Program

- State government has an affirmative responsibility to pay a fair rate for health and human services provided by community based organizations to state agency clients, and these payments should be made in a timely manner.
- Whenever and however state government revenues become more plentiful, there should not simply be a return to the status quo. A proportional share of new revenues should be directed to human services.
- The Jewish Federation supports all legislation and rules that heighten transparency of expenditures made on behalf of elected and appointed officials. However, the recent increase in Lobbying Registration fees to \$1,000 annually per lobbying entity and registered lobbyist is an excessive burden on many non-profit organizations that either provide direct services or advocacy. A return to \$150/year for 501(c)(3) organizations and perhaps other nonprofit organizations is more consistent with the federal constitutional right of being able to petition one's government. Action on the proposed registration fees may be an agenda item in the 2009 fall Veto Session.

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