

Legislative Testimony

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9-1-1 tax collected at point of sale vs. increased enforcement of existing program

Fiscal Impact estimate: Tobacco versus Point of Sale

HB 2454 would require DOR to administer a small sales tax program. We have no experience with such a program however, if we are asked for a fiscal impact from LFO, we believe the Tobacco Tax program (Cigarette and OTP) offers the closest comparison of any other tax program we administer:

Comparison between programs

Tobacco	Point of Sale**
230 licensed distributors	up to 190 providers
5,000 to 6,000 retailers	5,000 to 6,000 retailers
Return processing	Return Processing**
(1) Public Service Representative 4	(1) Public Service Representative 4
(1) Office Specialist 2	(1) Office Specialist 2
These positions provide administrative	These positions provide administrative
support for program.	support for program.
Return Processing System	Return Processing System**
In place in current system	Would need to create/purchase a module to
	process returns, and provide compliance
	tools. Unknown impact at this time.
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Audits	Audits**
(1) Tax auditor 2 audits licensed	(1) Tax auditor 2 would audit providers.
distributors.	(2) Tay and the state of a surface and the
	(3) Tax auditor 1 would perform audits similar to sales tax audits to determine if 911
	tax has been properly remitted based on sales and product inventory.
	sales and product inventory.
Inspections	Inspections**
(3) Compliance Specialist 1 – perform	N/A
inspections to verify retailer has invoices	
from licensed distributors and has taxed	
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products.	

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