Senate Bill 1568

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Prohibits Department of Revenue from assigning tax debts to private collection agencies. Applies to tax debts owed as of effective date of Act.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Department of Revenue tax collections; creating new provisions; amending ORS 305.850; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 305.850 is amended to read:

305.850. [(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in ORS 9.320 and 305.610,] The Director of the Department of Revenue may **not** engage the services of a collection agency to collect any taxes, interest and penalties resulting from an assessment of taxes or additional taxes imposed by ORS chapter 118, 310, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321 or 323 or ORS 320.005 to 320.150 [and] **or** any other tax laws administered by the Department of Revenue. [The director may engage the services of a collection agency by entering into an agreement to pay reasonable charges on a contingent fee or other basis.]

- [(2) The director shall cause to be collected, in the same manner as provided in subsection (1) of this section, assessments, taxes and penalties due under ORS chapter 656. All amounts collected pursuant to this subsection shall be credited as provided in ORS 293.250.]
- [(3) The director may assign to the collection agency, for collection purposes only, any of the taxes, penalties, interest and moneys due the state.]
- [(4) The collection agency may bring such action or take such proceedings, including but not limited to attachment and garnishment proceedings, as may be necessary.]
- SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 305.850 by section 1 of this 2014 Act apply to tax debts owed as of the effective date of this 2014 Act.
- SECTION 3. This 2014 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2014 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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