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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 27, 2017

Subject: HB 2156 – Relating to a method of communication for businesses to contact the Department of Revenue regarding Oregon tax laws
Work Session Recommendations

This bill establishes a program to provide representatives of C and S corporations with a direct phone number and email box to communicate and resolve issues regarding Oregon excise and income tax matters. The Department is required to provide dedicated and trained staff to respond to inquiries through the phone line and email box. The dedicated phone line and email address must be listed on notices and letters sent to C and S corporations and the general phone line and practitioner phone line cannot be listed on those notices.

The Department currently has a corporate email box and answers calls on its general and business lines from corporations. Some corporate tax questions cannot be answered by the Public Service Representative. In those instances, the representative takes the name and number of the business representative, who will receive call back from corporations division staff within 72 hours. This bill streamlines the system with a direct phone number and expanded email service so that corporations can receive better, more direct service.

A preliminary staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The -1 amendment replaces the bill and establishes the program as outlined here. LFO recommends the -1 amendment.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -1 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -1 amendment to HB 2156. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2156, as amended by the -1 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2156, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

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