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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 27, 2017

Subject: HB 2157 – Relating to a method of communication for certified public accountants to contact the Department of Revenue regarding Oregon tax laws
Work Session Recommendations

This bill requires the Department of Revenue to establish a program to give tax practitioners direct access to assistance from the Department regarding personal income tax questions. The program outlined in this bill would expand current service with a dedicated, trained Public Service Representative 4 to take calls and respond to emails regarding the application of payments, general account questions, transcript requests, income verification, and notice or letter questions. Policy Package 806 in the budget bill for the Department of Revenue (SB 5535) contains a PSR4 position to support this program.

A preliminary staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The -3 amendment replaces the bill and establishes the program as outlined here. LFO recommends the -3 amendment.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -3 amendment to HB 2157. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2157, as amended by the -3 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: _____

House Floor: _____

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