

**HB 2156 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. DeBoer

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/28/17

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 11 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Department of Revenue to establish and maintain toll-free telephone number and other electronic means of communication to answer representatives from businesses that have questions about or wish to resolve issues concerning Oregon tax laws or application of Oregon tax laws. Requires department to monitor and provide sufficient staffing or telephone number and electronic means of communication to permit department to answer questions or resolve issues in expedited manner.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Result of small business workgroup recommendations

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Revenue currently maintains a telephone line number and e-mail box for taxpayer inquiries. This measure would require the department to create a separate program to answer telephone and e-mail inquiries from C corporations and S corporations