

HB 2157 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. DeBoer

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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 certified public accountants who have questions about or wish to resolve issues concerning Oregon tax laws or application of Oregon tax laws.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Result of recommendations from small business workgroup

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Revenue currently maintains a toll-free number to address taxpayer questions. This measure would require a separate number and electronic access dedicated to customer service issues relating to personal income tax for tax practitioners who provide tax advice, prepare income taxes or act on an individual taxpayers behalf. The program established by the amendment is similar to the Practitioner Priority Service offered by the Internal Revenue Service at the federal level.