HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2157

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Delete lines 6 through 14 of the printed bill and insert:

"SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Department of Revenue shall establish a program by means of
which the department may give priority to persons who are certified under ORS 673.040 and
other tax practitioners who have questions about or wish to resolve issues concerning
Oregon tax laws and the application of Oregon tax laws to personal income tax accounts. The
program must:
"(A) Serve as the first point of contact for tax practitioners;
"(B) Dedicate trained employees, a telephone number and other electronic means of
communication exclusively for the tax practitioners' use; and
"(C) Provide resources that are sufficient to answer questions and resolve issues in an
expedited manner.
"(b) The department may determine which tax practitioners may make use of the pro-
gram, but shall include tax practitioners who provide tax advice, prepare income taxes or
act on an individual taxpayer's behalf with respect to an issue related to the taxpayer's ac-
count with the department.
"(2) The program described in subsection (1) of this section at a minimum must provide
tax practitioners with assistance in:
"(a) Locating and applying payments;
"(b) Understanding department communications, including notices and letters;
"(c) Receiving general procedural guidance and estimates of the length of time that a
procedure will take;
"(d) Making account adjustments;
"(e) Securing taxpayer income verifications; and
"(f) Receiving transcripts of taxpayer accounts.
"(3) The department shall track customer satisfaction with the program described in
subsection (1) of this section.".