

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF AMENDED BILL

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 Related Bills: See Prior Analysis Telephone: 845-4372 Amended Date: April 17, 2012
 Attorney: Patrick Kusiak Sponsor: _____

SUBJECT: BOE, EDD & FTB Collaborate & Focus Information Technology Efforts On Developing Web-Based Portal

SUMMARY

This bill would require the Board of Equalization (BOE), the Employment Development Department (EDD) and the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to:

- Develop a web-based portal that virtually consolidates the agencies, and
- Consolidate forms, applications, and other documents upon a joint determination by the BOE, EDD, and the FTB, and an appropriation by the Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION

No position.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The April 17, 2012, amendments made a technical change to the bill and added provisions that specify the consolidation of forms, applications, and other documents would only occur upon a joint determination by the BOE, EDD, and the FTB, as specified, and an appropriation by the Legislature. As a result of the amendments, the "This Bill" section of the department's analysis of this bill as introduced February 23, 2012, has been revised. The remainder of that analysis still applies. The "Implementation Considerations," "Fiscal Impact," and "Economic Impact" sections are restated for convenience.

ANALYSIS

THIS BILL

This bill would require the BOE, EDD, and the FTB to collaborate and focus current and future information technology efforts on developing a single web-based portal that virtually consolidates the agencies.

The web-based portal would be required to enable online, self-service access through a single logon that would allow taxpayers to:

- Electronically submit returns and forms, or other information,
- Pay amounts due,
- Determine account balances and due dates of taxes, and
- Identify the status of any appeal, claim for refund, or penalty and interest waiver request.

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In addition, this bill specifies that upon a joint determination by the BOE, EDD, and the FTB that a need exists to improve cost-effective services to taxpayers, and upon an appropriation by the Legislature, forms, applications, and other documents would be consolidated to reduce, or eliminate the number of multiple submissions of the same information by taxpayers.

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

The department has identified the following implementation concern. Department staff is available to work with the author's office to resolve this and other concerns that may be identified.

Implementing this bill in the near term could add complexities and pose risks to current revenue generating information technology efforts. Because this bill would require the BOE, EDD and the FTB to collaborate and virtually consolidate the agencies, the scope, roles and duties of each agency must be determined before a complete analysis of this bill's impact to the FTB can be ascertained. As this bill moves through the legislative process, the BOE, EDD and the FTB will need to develop an implementation plan that establishes the scope and each agency's roles and duties.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs to implement this bill, although unknown at this time, could be significant. As indicated above in the "Implementation Considerations" section, the scope, roles and duties of the BOE, EDD, and the FTB need to be identified before a complete analysis of this bill's impact to the FTB can be ascertained. As this bill moves through the legislative process and the BOE, EDD and the FTB develop an implementation plan, costs to implement this bill will be identified.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Revenue Estimate

This bill would not impact the state's income tax revenue.

SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

Support: None provided.

Opposition: None provided.

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