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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
REGARDING HB 1300 HD 2, SD 1
RELATING TO TAXATION

COMMITTEE: WAM
DATE: MARCH 30, 2011
TIME: 9:30AM
POSITION: SUPPORT

This measure requires the Department of Taxation to implement across-the-board electronic filing at no cost to taxpayers. This measure also amends the due date for the general excise tax, the transient accommodations tax, the use tax, the fuel tax, the liquor tax, the tobacco tax, the rental motor vehicle surcharge tax and the conveyance tax from the 20th day of the month to the last day of the month.

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports this measure.

The Department strongly supports the message this measure sends, which is to allow all taxpayers to manage their tax obligations electronically. The Department agrees that wholesale electronic filing is an attainable goal, and one which will be given greater priority under the current administration.

The Department also notes that a previous version of the bill moved the start date for the electronic filing requirements to 2013, allowing the Department time to begin its efforts to add across-the-board electronic filing as part of its overall modernization initiatives. The Department requests the blanked-out start date in the current version of this bill be returned the 2013 start date.

The Department also supports moving the tax deadlines from the 20th day of the month to the last day of the month. In addition, the Department recommends that the effective date for moving the due dates be January 1, 2012.