

HCS HB 2190 -- REOCCURRING BUSINESS TAXES

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 8 to 1.

Beginning January 1, 2019, this bill requires the Department of Revenue to adopt rules implementing a system that allows a business to remit one payment per month to the department for any tax, fee, charge, or assessment if the total amount is more than \$50,000 per year and it is owed to at least 25 assessing entities.

The department must accept the first 25 qualifying businesses that apply the first year, 100 qualifying businesses that apply the second year, and all qualifying businesses that apply beginning with the third year. The department must pay the assessing entities no later than 15 days after receipt of the payment and can collect an administrative expense fee from the business of up to 1% of the amount remitted. The taxes or fees repaid under the bill's program cannot include fees, charges, or assessments imposed for electric, gas, water, sewer, transit, or communication services.

This bill is similar to HB 389 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill would reduce burdens on employers in that they would have to send multiple checks to multiple taxing jurisdictions and entities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Centurylink.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that owed payments to utilities and municipalities would be problematic under the bill's one payment per month program since costs owed to both vary from month to month.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; Missouri Municipal League; and the Missouri Association of Counties.