

HB 1489 -- MAIL SENT BY STATE DEPARTMENTS

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency and Downsizing by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently a notice of deficiency from the Department or Revenue must be sent via certified or registered mail.

This bill authorizes the Department to send a notice of deficiency to taxpayers, other than individuals, electronically, upon request. For individual taxpayers, the Department may send the notice of deficiency by regular mail or electronically at the taxpayer's request.

The bill removes a requirement that any notice sent to an applicant or recipient of the blind pension fund must be sent by certified mail. Instead, the bill allows the notice to be sent by mail delivered by the United States Postal Service, except that, for any notice of adverse actions, as described in the bill, such notice shall also be sent by certified mail delivered by USPS at the applicant's or recipient's address of record.

Further, this bill removes a requirement that notices of assessments by the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission be sent by mail or registered mail.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 510 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that many people had trouble collecting their mail during their work day. When COVID restrictions were in place, post offices did not operate during their regular working hours, placing additional pressure on people who were trying to collect their mail from the post office. This bill presents a better and more efficient way for State Departments to send mail.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Griffith; and the Department of Revenue.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.