

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1570

As Engrossed: 4/5/2013

Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH A WEB PAGE TO PROVIDE A MENU OF LINKS TO EMPLOYER-RELATED STATE WEB APPLICATIONS FOR REQUIRED REPORTING.

Basic Change :

Representative Neal

As engrossed 4/5/13, the bill requires creation of a public web page to provide a menu of links to various employer-related state web applications for required reporting, tax payments and other data submissions.

Revenue Impact :

No Revenue impact

Taxpayer Impact :

Would enable employers to access a single website to register, file and pay required taxes or reports. This will simplify reporting and filing requirements for taxpayers with multiple business taxes.

Resources Required :

Unknown, web page development time and costs should be minimal.

Time Required :

Unknown

Procedural Changes :

As amended, Amendment 1, the bill will require DFA with assistance from Department of Workforce Services to establish and maintain a web page to enable employers or their designated representatives, a single point of access for taxes, payments and reports due for DFA, business taxes, and Office of Child Support Enforcement, and Department of Workforce Services. Additional state agencies may be added as appropriate.

Legal Analysis :

The 4/5/13 engrossment requires the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), with assistance from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), to establish and maintain a web page to provide a menu of links to employer-related state web applications for required reporting, tax payments, and other data submissions. The web page must allow an employer to select a link based upon a desired type of function or application and be redirected to the appropriate agency web application and provide information about tax submissions, employment reports, and child support submissions on the respective agency sites, including due dates, payment options, and agency contact information.

The Bill states that the initial scope of the web page shall include links to online taxpayer services administered by DFA through an Arkansas Taxpayer Access Point web page, unemployment and new hire submissions administered by DWS, and information concerning employer reporting and payment functions provided by the Office of Child Support Enforcement. The bill also requires that the web page be designed with sufficient flexibility to allow additional links to other state agencies to be added as appropriate.