

HB 389 -- TAX COLLECTION

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 18 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill requires the Department of Revenue to create a system that allows a business to remit one payment per month to the department for a tax, fee, charge, or assessment if the total amount is more than \$50,000 per year and is owed to at least 25 assessing entities. The department must pay the assessing entities no later than 15 days after receipt of the payment and can collect an administrative expenses fee from the business of up to 1% of the amount remitted.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows businesses with operations in several districts the option to submit one check to the Department of Revenue and then have the department disburse the payments to all other state agencies and local entities. The department can retain 1% of the amount submitted as a collection fee to cover the new duties. There is a cost to business to comply with all regulations and fees, and the bill would provide significant savings to businesses. Currently, CenturyLink issues about 400 checks to various local entities that equal up to \$500,000 per month. The bill will help to simplify compliance and make Missouri a good place to have a business.

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

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.