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Betty T. Yee Calls for Incremental Consolidation of California Tax Functions

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that BOE weighed in on the call for consolidation of tax agencies, citing the leadership role the BOE has already taken in this effort.

In a written statement offered to the Joint Budget Conference Committee, BOE notes they are currently working with the Franchise Tax Board, the Employment Development Department, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Office of the Chief Information Officer to examine opportunities to consolidate common processes and functions.

A workgroup from these agencies met last month to discuss those processes and functions that may be the most opportune for consolidation. Some of the areas under discussion include the tax return process, call centers, printing, mailing and the electronic capture of documents. The first step in the process is to put together an inventory of equipment and capacity to determine where partnerships could be most valuable for Californians and cost effective for the state.

“Taking an incremental approach, consolidating those processes or functions where we have common business approaches will lead to immediate efficiencies with little or no investment on the part of the state’s general fund for long term gain,” said Yee.

The goal of this collaborative consolidation effort is to create a seamless experience for taxpayers in their interactions with the tax agencies in all areas of administration to create government efficiencies.

A current partnership in development is the Return Processing Efficiencies project contained in the Governor’s May Revision. This partnership between BOE and EDD allows EDD to process over one million returns and payments, and accelerates the deposit of \$2 billion in revenues annually. This will be accomplished through a reduction in the average number of days it takes to deposit checks received through the mail. This effort will result in additional interest earnings for the state and some general fund savings. This proposal requires no new funding.

Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California’s coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Link: [BOE Statement to the Joint Budget Conference Committee](#)

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