



**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**STATUS REPORT**

- Board Members
- Business Taxes Committee
- Customer Services and Administrative Efficiency Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Property Tax Committee
- Other

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**Topic:**

Electronic Filing Implementation

**Background:**

On October 5, 1999, the Board approved proceeding with the development of a voluntary electronic filing (e-filing) system that enables taxpayers to file electronic tax returns and payments via the Internet. To file a return, taxpayers access the e-filing system through a third party service provider website and pay any tax due amounts electronically by using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit method. The initial implementation for e-filing includes those taxpayers that presently file sales and use tax return forms BOE-401-A (Schedule A only) and BOE-401-EZ.

**Current Status:**

On January 9, 2001, the Board of Equalization (BOE) implemented the E-Filing Program. Nationtax Online, Inc. (Nationtax) is currently the only provider of this service for taxpayers. However, three other companies have applied to become authorized service providers with BOE. Approval is pending the successful development and testing of their systems. To date, twenty-four (24) sales and use tax returns have been filed electronically with Nationtax.

The BOE website has been updated to include e-filing information for taxpayers and potential service providers. The website provides a link for taxpayers to go directly to the Nationtax website to file their taxes electronically. Additional service provider links will be added as they are approved. To advertise the program, an article was included in the December 2000 Tax Information Bulletin and a mail insert is scheduled to go out to taxpayers in March 2001.

Staff is currently working to determine what would be required to enhance the system to bring our more complex sales and use taxpayers into the program.

**Conclusion:**

The E-Filing Program has been successfully implemented. Staff will provide this Committee with an issue paper on the feasibility of enhancing the program to include more complex filers.

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