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Runner Sponsored Legislation to Increase Government Efficiency Reaches Governor's Desk

SACRAMENTO – George Runner announced today Senate Bill 582 has reached the Governor's desk and is currently awaiting his signature. Sponsored by Runner and authored by Senator Steve Knight (R-Antelope Valley), SB 582 is designed to increase efficiency for taxpayers.

"It's not easy doing business in California. One major challenge is that most business owners must pay taxes to three separate state tax agencies," said Runner. "Our legislation takes an important and common sense first step toward streamlining this process, increasing voluntary compliance and enhancing the taxpayer experience."

SB 582 requires the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board and Employment Development Department to examine how to consolidate their websites, creating a one-stop shop for taxpayers to visit for all of their tax services. The goal is to streamline filing requirements by providing taxpayers with up-to-date integrated access to accounts with all three tax agencies.

"The tax paying process in California can be daunting, intimidating, and confusing," said Knight. "Streamlining the process will save time and increase voluntary compliance, and is in the best interest of all taxpayers."

SB 582 received unanimous, bipartisan support through both the Senate and Assembly. Assemblymember Diane Harkey (R-Dana Point) served as a principal co-author.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

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