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Runner Backs ‘Single Taxpayer Web Portal’ *Measure Advances with Unanimous Committee Vote*

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SACRAMENTO – George Runner today testified in support of legislation by Senator Tom Harman that would direct California’s three tax agencies to work toward the goal of consolidating tax self-services into a single taxpayer-friendly website.

“These are difficult economic times highlighting the need for government to eliminate bureaucratic red-tape that entangles businesses,” said Runner. “Many California businesses have to file and pay taxes to three separate agencies. SB 1326 will streamline this process.”

Runner noted that taxpayers are often confused with which agency is responsible for a particular tax.

Once implemented the website www.taxes.ca.gov would be enhanced to allow taxpayers to file tax returns, claim refunds, and request for relief of interest or penalties with one login.

Taxpayers would no longer need to navigate through three separate tax agencies to access forms and information, saving taxpayers time and increasing voluntary compliance.

“Just as online banking has provided individuals and businesses with easier access to banking account information and services, a single website will make voluntary compliance with tax programs simpler,” added Runner.

[Senate Bill 1326](#) received the unanimous support of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

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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