

## Testimony Against HB0634

Honorable Senators

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0634.

I am against

- Establishing the Income Tax Reconciliation Program in the State to allow certain justice-involved individuals to establish installment payment plans and receive a waiver of any interest and penalties that accrue for unpaid income tax due for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2030; and
- requiring the Comptroller to administer the Program; requiring the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an awareness campaign about the Program.

This bill would allow inmates who owe taxes not to be subject to the interest and penalties on unpaid taxes while in prison, even those incarcerated for evading the payment of taxes. An amendment to at least make those convicted of evading taxes to be subject to interest and penalty charges failed to pass.

As law-abiding citizens, I doubt we would get such a consideration if we should make an error on our tax returns and find that we did not pay all of our taxes by April 15 and now face interest and penalties. Why should convicted criminals get a break when the state claims it needs even more tax dollars and wants law-abiding citizens and businesses to pay more to pay the bills of the State?

Please find ways to cut costs and stop finding ways to increase costs or decrease revenues.

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0634 as one of your first steps in decreasing costs.

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