

**Subject** Department of Revenue free filing report

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## Summary

H.F. 3496 requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to submit a report to the legislature on free electronic filing options for the Minnesota individual income tax. The report is due on January 15, 2021.

The bill requires DOR to survey tax preparation software vendors for information about providing a free electronic preparation and filing option, including system development, costs per return, customer service issues, links with federal return software, protecting return privacy, and current availability of free filing products.

The report must include a review of free filing options in other states, an analysis of taxpayer needs, a description of alternative options for free filing, and an analysis of usage of the Internal Revenue Service Free File Program.