

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1957 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **REPORT OF FREE ELECTRONIC FILING FOR INDIVIDUAL**
 1.4 **INCOME TAX RETURNS.**

1.5 (a) By March 16, 2017, the commissioner of revenue must provide a written
 1.6 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
 1.7 jurisdiction over taxes regarding free electronic filing options for individual income tax
 1.8 filing, including a vendor-based solution. The report must include responses from a
 1.9 commissioner's request for information to consumer-based tax filing software vendors.
 1.10 The request for information may include, but is not limited to, seeking information on
 1.11 the following aspects of a free electronic filing solution:

1.12 (1) costs, on a per return basis, that would be charged to the state of Minnesota to
 1.13 provide an electronic individual income tax return preparation, submission, and payment
 1.14 remittance process;

1.15 (2) vendor capability to provide customer service and issue resolution to taxpayers
 1.16 using the software;

1.17 (3) vendor capability to provide and maintain an appropriate link between the
 1.18 Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service Modernized Electronic Filing
 1.19 Program;

1.20 (4) vendor security capabilities to ensure that taxpayer return information is
 1.21 maintained and protected as required by Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13 and 270B,
 1.22 Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075, and any other applicable requirements;

1.23 (5) products for the free filing and submitting of both Minnesota and federal returns
 1.24 offered to customers and the thresholds for using those products; and

1.25 (6) add-on products offered to customers and their costs.

1.26 (b) The report required under paragraph (a) must comply with Minnesota Statutes,
 1.27 sections 3.195 and 3.197.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 \$175,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.4 commissioner of revenue for administering section 1."

2.5 Amend the title accordingly