

3/25/2021 - 8:00 AM House Bill 3043 Senate Committee on Labor and Business

Absolutely positively do not proceed to pass House Bill 3043; if the Employment Department requirement is to see a copy of claimant's tax filing then the Employment Department needs to request the claimant to produce, with notification by letter to claimant so a decision can be issued concerning eligibility for unemployment compensation. The Legislative Assembly has no right to allow one agency, the Employment Department in this case, to inspect tax records of a claimant. Employment Department has always held the claimant to produce supporting evidence that may or may not provide unemployment benefits. Leave up to citizen claimant to proceed in the manner which requested by the Employment Department or be found in non-compliance of request.

Text HB 3043: (6) Authorize the Director of the Department of Revenue to disclose and give access to information described in ORS 314.835 to the Director of the Employment Department if the Director of the Department of Revenue determines that the administration of any federal or state law or program requires the disclosure of the information to enable the Employment Department to verify the identity or income level of any person for purposes related to the emergency or any consequences of the emergency. The information that may be disclosed under this subsection shall be limited to information that is necessary to verify a person's identity or income level. The Director of the Employment Department shall maintain the confidentiality of the information during and after the state of emergency.