

**Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Support E-mails**

Senate Bill 133

"An Act requiring the electronic submission of a tax return or report with the Department of Revenue; relating to the taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products; taxing electronic smoking devices; and providing for an effective date."

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