

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 40

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Resolution No. 40.

Senate Resolution No. 40 urges the federal Internal Revenue Service to devote additional resources to New Jersey and other states in which large populations of seniors and recent immigrants have been the preferred target of a recent surge in tax-related scams perpetrated by criminal conspirators and other scammers who make or send unsolicited phone calls, text messages, or emails claiming to be agents working on behalf of the federal Internal Revenue Service in an effort to con victims into making payment on bogus tax bills. The additional resources could be used to more fully understand the extent of the problem, to better identify the individuals and criminal organizations responsible for perpetuating the scams, and to develop more viable methods for informing New Jersey's seniors and recent immigrants about the dangers posed by the scams and how to report suspected threats.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.