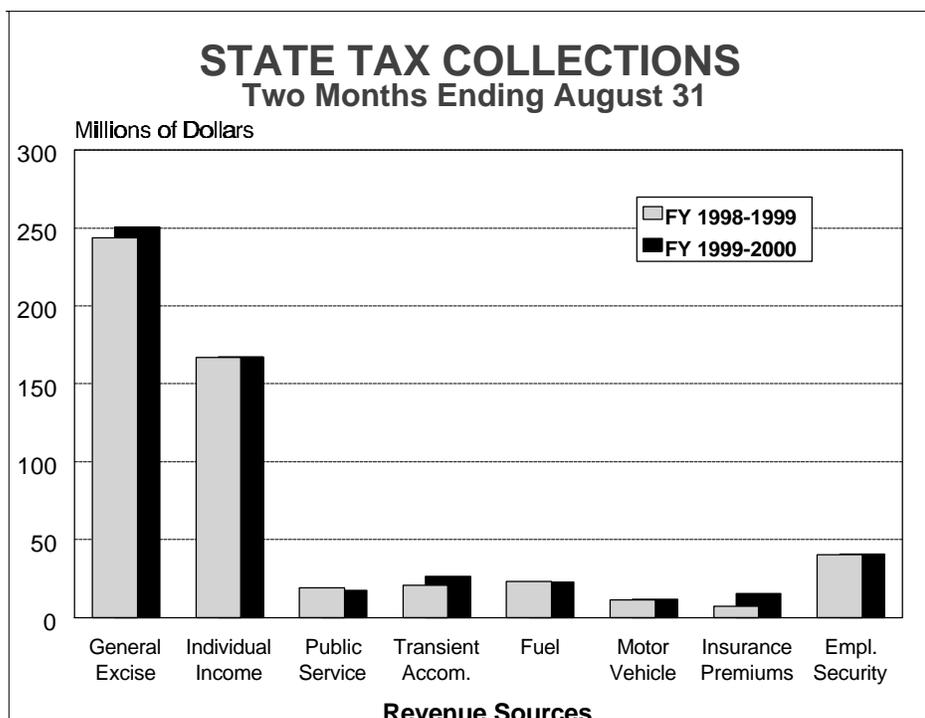


REVENUE TRENDS - AUGUST 1999

August state tax collections from all revenue sources amounted to \$336.2 million, an increase of \$50.7 million or 17.8% when compared with the previous August. With this increase, cumulative state tax collections for the first two months of fiscal 1999-2000 amounted to \$571.5 million, which was \$11.4 million or 2.0% more than the amount collected during the previous fiscal year. August collections benefited from the “weekend effect”, which occurs when the last day of the previous month occurs on a weekend. When this happens, taxes normally due on the last day of the previous month, July 31 in this case, are not due until the first workday of the next month, August 2 in this case. This situation resulted in lower than normal July collections and higher than normal August collections for taxes due on the last day of the month, such as the general excise and use tax and the transient accommodations tax (TAT).

Collections from the state’s largest revenue source, general excise and use taxes, rose \$29.3 million. With this activity, cumulative fiscal year revenue from this source was \$7.0 million or 2.9% ahead of the amount collected during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

August TAT revenue amounted to \$16.8 million, up from \$11.3 million the previous August. A portion of this increase reflects the increase in the TAT rate from 6% to 7.25% while another portion can be attributed to the “weekend effect”. Cumulative fiscal year revenue from this source increased \$5.7 million or 27.7%.



Insurance premium tax revenue jumped by \$8.6 million as a result of a switch from monthly to quarterly filing. August 1999 collections of the insurance premium tax represent a quarter’s activity, while August 1998 collections represent one month’s activity.

STATE GENERAL FUND

Tax collections accruing to the state general fund for the month of August totaled \$274.4 million, \$40.4 million or 17.3% more than the amount that accrued the previous August.

Cumulative general fund accruals for the first two months of fiscal 1999-2000 amounted to \$470.1 million, an increase of \$5.1 million or 1.1% when compared with the same period the prior fiscal year. For the full fiscal year, the Council on Revenues has projected a 1.1% decrease in accruals.