

REVENUE TRENDS – OCTOBER 2002

October state tax collections from all revenue sources amounted to \$277.9 million, a decrease of \$43.5 million or 13.5% when compared with the previous October. Despite this decrease, cumulative state tax collections after the first four months of the 2002-2003 fiscal year remained \$10.4 million or 0.8% ahead of the previous year's pace.

General excise and use tax revenue fell by \$28.9 million in October, but cumulative revenue from this source still exceeded last year's pace by \$37.8 million or 6.7%. October revenue from this source was negatively affected by the "weekend effect". General excise and use taxes are normally due on the last day of the month. However, since September 30, 2001 fell on Sunday, the due date became October 1, the first working day of the following month. Thus, some September revenue was not collected until October 2001, boosting that month's total.

Transient accommodations tax revenue, which is also subject to the "weekend effect", declined by \$3.5 million in October. October's decrease drew down cumulative revenue from this source slightly below the total for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

Individual income tax revenue was hurt by a \$4.3 million jump in individual income tax refunds, which was an important factor in pushing cumulative fiscal year collections from this source \$28.7 million or 7.6% behind the previous year's total for the corresponding period.

STATE GENERAL FUND

Tax collections accruing to the state general fund for the month of October totaled \$235.8 million, \$43.9 million or 15.7% less than the amount that accrued the previous October.

Cumulative general fund accruals for the first four months of fiscal 2002-2003 amounted to \$1,056.1 million, a decrease of \$12.7 million or 1.2% when compared with the same period the prior fiscal year. For the full fiscal year, the Council on Revenues has projected an increase of 6.1%.

