

REVENUE TRENDS - AUGUST 2002

August state tax collections from all revenue sources amounted to \$288.1 million, a decrease of \$50.0 million or 14.8% when compared with the previous August. With this decrease, cumulative state tax collections after the first two months of the 2002-2003 fiscal year fell \$13.6 million or 2.1% behind the previous year's pace.

General excise and use tax revenue fell by \$31.7 million in August, but cumulative revenue from this source still exceeded last year's pace by \$9.4 million or 3.2%. August 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 August 31, 2002 fell on Saturday, the due date became September 3, the first working day of the following month. Thus, some August revenue was not collected until September.

Transient accommodations tax revenue, which is also subject to the "weekend effect", declined by \$4.7 million in August. Cumulative revenue from this source was down by \$3.5 million.

Individual income tax revenue was hurt by a \$7.7 million jump in individual income tax refunds, which was a major factor in pushing cumulative fiscal year collections from this source \$16.2 million or 9.3% 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 August totaled \$233.5 million, \$47.6 million or 16.9% less than the amount that accrued the previous August.

Cumulative general fund accruals for the first two months of fiscal 2002-2003 amounted to \$519.8 million, a decrease of \$17.9 million or 3.3% 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%.

