

REVENUE TRENDS – JANUARY 2003

Statewide tax collections during the month of January totaled \$351.8 million, which was \$23.5 million less than the \$375.3 million collected the previous January. Despite January’s decline, cumulative state tax collections for the first seven months of the 2002-2003 fiscal amounted to \$2,214.5 million, \$74.4 million ahead of the previous year’s pace.

Net revenue from the corporate income tax plummeted by \$37 million, while net individual income tax revenue dropped \$16 million. January is the month in which the final installment of estimated taxes is due. Apparently, many taxpayers dramatically reduced their final installments upon examining their projected annual incomes. Corporate estimate taxes fell \$23 million, while individual estimate taxes dropped nearly \$9 million. There were also sharp declines in payments with returns for both corporate and individual income taxes.

On the brighter side of the revenue scene, deposits from the state’s largest revenue source, general excise and use taxes, rose by \$16 million, helping push cumulative deposits from this source 8.7% ahead of the previous fiscal year.

STATE GENERAL FUND

Revenue accruing to the state general fund for the month of January totaled \$307.9 million, which was \$32.7 million or 9.6% less than the amount accrued the previous January.

Cumulative general fund accruals after the first seven months of fiscal 2002-2003 stood at \$1,904.2 million, which was \$34.8 million or 1.9% more than the total accrued for the same period the previous fiscal year. The Council on Revenues has projected a 6.1% increase in general fund accruals for the full fiscal year.

