

## REVENUE TRENDS – JANUARY 2004

Statewide tax collections during the month of January totaled \$358.5 million, which was \$6.7 million or 1.9% more than the amount collected the previous January. With January's increase, cumulative state tax collections for the first seven months of the 2003-2004 fiscal year amounted to \$2,283.9 million, \$69.4 million or 3.1% ahead of the previous year's pace.

The major factor behind January's increase was a \$28.7 million upswing in revenue from the corporate income tax, which was generated by a steep drop in corporate tax refunds, countering the increase in November 2003 from new system implementation coupled with strong increases in estimated taxes and payments with returns. January's increase in corporate tax collections more than offset a \$19.8 million decline in revenue from general excise and use taxes as a result of the "weekend effect". Since January 31, 2004 fell on Saturday, general excise and use taxes normally due on that day were not due until February 2, pushing some January revenue into February. Despite the decline, cumulative fiscal year general excise and use tax revenue remained slightly ahead of the previous year's pace.

Transient accommodations tax collections also were subject to the "weekend effect" and declined by \$1.6 million. Cumulative fiscal year revenue from this source was pushed \$1.8 million behind the previous year's pace.

### STATE GENERAL FUND

Tax collections accruing to the state general fund for the month of January totaled \$315.1 million, \$7.2 million or 2.3% more than the amount that accrued the previous January.

Cumulative general fund accruals after the first seven months of fiscal 2003-2004 amounted to \$1,940.8 million, which was \$36.6 million or 1.9% more than the amount accrued during the same period the previous year. For the full fiscal year, the Council on Revenues has projected an increase of 5.2%.

