

REVENUE TRENDS - JULY 2004

Statewide tax collections for July 2004 totaled \$295.2 million, representing an increase of \$56.9 million or 16.9% when compared with the previous July. General excise and use tax collections declined by \$15.0 million as a result of the “weekend effect”. Because July 31, 2004 fell on Saturday, taxes normally due that day were not due until August 2, 2004 and will be reported in August’s revenue. The amount of the “weekend effect” was estimated at about \$30 million and indicated that July continued to experience some economic growth, as also evidenced by a 5.7% increase in taxes withheld on wages. Transient accommodations tax collections are also subject to the weekend effect and fell by \$2.0 million.

Franchise tax revenue from financial institutions increased by \$16.2 million, primarily as a result of the transfer of \$16.5 million in protested tax payments into a litigated claims fund in July 2003.

General fund deposits from individual income taxes increased by \$25.5 million mainly due to lower tax refunds as income tax refunds were processed earlier than previous year.

STATE GENERAL FUND

July 2004 general fund accruals totaled \$227.4 million, an increase of \$26.9 million or 11.8% more than the total for the previous July.

