

REVENUE TRENDS – DECEMBER 2002

December state tax collections from all revenue sources amounted to \$329.1 million, an increase of \$87.3 million or 36.1% when compared with the previous December. With this increase, cumulative state tax collections after the first half of the 2002-2003 fiscal year stood at \$1,862.7 million, \$97.8 million or 5.5% more than the amount collected during the corresponding period of the previous year.

General excise and use taxes are due on the last day of the month and are subject to the “weekend effect” when that last day falls on a weekend or holiday. Taxes are then not due until the first working day of the next month, pushing some revenue into that following month. December 2002 was the beneficiary of the “weekend effect” resulting from November 30 falling on Sunday. December general excise and use tax revenue rose by \$45.3 million or 38%. This increase boosted cumulative fiscal year revenue from this source by \$67.5 million or 8.3%.

Transient accommodations tax collections are also subject to the “weekend effect” and rose by \$5.3 million. Cumulative fiscal year revenue from this source at the halfway point in the fiscal year now was \$4.0 million ahead of the total for the first half of the previous year.

A \$7.6 million drop in individual income tax refunds also contributed to the revenue increase in December.

STATE GENERAL FUND

Tax collections accruing to the state general fund for the month of December totaled \$287.2 million, \$73.9 million or 34.7% more than the amount that accrued the previous December.

Cumulative general fund accruals for the first half of fiscal 2002-2003 amounted to \$1,596.3 million, an increase of \$67.5 million or 4.4% 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%.

