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To: Legislative Budget Committee

STATE GENERAL FUND (SGF) RECEIPTS

July through August, FY 2020

As this is the second monthly report on FY 2020 receipts, it is important to remember that a comparison of two months of receipts is not a reliable basis upon which to identify a trend for the balance of the year. Receipts in September will be monitored as individual income tax estimated payments are due during that month. For the first four months of FY 2020, estimates of State General Fund (SGF) receipts are based upon the consensus estimates of April 18, 2019, as adjusted for legislation enacted after that date. The next meeting of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group will be on November 7, 2019.

Total receipts for July and August, the first two months of FY 2020, were \$7.3 million, or 0.8 percent, above the estimate. The component of total SGF receipts from taxes only was \$4.9 million, or 0.5 percent, above the estimate.

Tax sources exceeding the fiscal year estimate by more than \$1.0 million through August were: retail sales tax (\$6.8 million or 1.7 percent); and individual income tax (\$5.5 million or 1.2 percent).

Tax sources below the estimates by more than \$1.0 million through August were: corporation income tax (\$6.1 million or 21.8 percent); cigarette (\$1.0 million or 4.5 percent); and financial institutions privilege tax (\$1.0 million or 95.7 percent).

Although sales tax receipts were \$6.8 million above expectations for the first two months of the fiscal year, the 1.6 percent growth above FY 2019 remains below historical averages.

Corporate estimated payments in recent months have been running below receipts from FY 2019. September will be an important month for estimated payments for both corporations and individuals.

As noted last month, two changes have been implemented relative to the attached table beginning in FY 2020: (1) Given changes in liquor laws that were effective April 1, cereal malt beverage tax (CMB) receipts are expected to drop from the tax to near zero in the near future, a separate line for that tax source has been removed and CMB tax receipts have been collapsed into overall liquor gallonage tax receipts; and (2) Corporation franchise tax receipts have been moved from excise taxes to other taxes.

This report excludes the July 1 deposit to the SGF of \$275.0 million pursuant to issuance of a Certificate of Indebtedness. The Certificate will be discharged prior to the end of the fiscal year.

STATE GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS July-August, FY 2020 (Dollars in Thousands)

		Actual				FY 2020			Percent change relative to:	
		FY 2019		Estimate*		Actual		Difference	FY 2019	Estimate
Property Tax/Fee:	-									
Motor Carriers	\$	1,489	\$	1,500	\$	1,641	\$	141	10.2 %	9.4 %
Income Taxes:										
Individual	\$	448,462	\$	450,000	\$	455,460	\$	5,460	1.6 %	1.2 %
Corporation		30,211		28,000		21,891		(6,109)	(27.5)	(21.8)
Financial Inst.		1,215		1,150		50		(1,100)	(95.9)	(95.7)
Total	\$	479,888	\$	479,150	\$	477,402	\$	(1,748)	(0.5) %	(0.4) %
Excise Taxes:										
Retail Sales	\$	403,495	\$	403,000	\$	409,849	\$	6,849	1.6 %	1.7 %
Compensating Use		68,154		71,000		71,623		623	5.1	0.9
Cigarette		23,251		23,000		21,961		(1,039)	(5.5)	(4.5)
Tobacco Products		1,561		1,550		1,550		0	(0.7)	0.0
Liquor Gallonage		3,911		3,400		3,518		118	(10.0)	3.5
Liquor Enforcement		13,015		12,200		12,650		450	(2.8)	3.7
Liquor Drink		2,041		2,100		2,093		(7)	2.5	(0.3)
Severance		4,191		1,600		818		(782)	(80.5)	(48.9)
Gas		(230)		(300)		(1,032)		(732)	(348.7)	(244.0)
Oil		4,421		1,900		1,850		(50)	(58.2)	(2.6)
Total	\$	519,619	\$	517,850	\$	524,062	\$	6,212	0.9 %	1.2 %
Other Taxes:										
Insurance Premiums	\$	(9,024)	\$	(11,500)	\$	(11,073)	\$	427	(22.7) %	3.7 %
Corporate Franchise		818		900		681		(219)	(16.7)	(24.3)
Miscellaneous		573		600		654		54	14.1	9.0
Total	\$	(7,633)	\$	(10,000)	\$	(9,738)	\$	261	(27.6) %	2.6 %
Total Taxes	\$	993,364	\$	988,500	\$	993,367	\$	4,866	0.0 %	0.5 %
Other Revenue:										
Interest	\$	4,616	\$	9,000	\$	10,033	\$	1,033	117.4 %	11.5 %
Transfers (net)	Ψ	(133,634)	Ψ	(123,850)	Ψ	(119,060)	Ψ	4,790	10.9	3.9
Agency Earnings & Mi	sc.	3,937		4,200		833		(3,367)	(78.8)	(80.2)
Total Other Revenue	\$	(125,081)	\$	(110,650)	\$	(108,195)	\$	2,455	13.5 %	2.2 %
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	868,283	\$	877,850	\$	885,172	\$	7,321	1.9 %	0.8 %
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^{*} Consensus Estimate as of April 18, 2019, as further adjusted for subsequent legislation enacted after that date.

Excludes a Certificate of Indebtedness of \$275 million that must be redeemed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Note: Details may not add to totals due to rounding.