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Revised General Revenue Collections for December 2015 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for the month of December 2015 were \$42.1 M (1.7%) under the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on August 14, 2015. Year-to-date collections are virtually on estimate (over by \$3.5 M or 0.03%).

After making adjustments to total Sales Tax collections for local taxes and distributions, audits, bad checks, and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax (CST), Sales Tax GR was \$5.6 M (0.3%) over estimate for the month and is \$102.5 M (1.0%) over estimate for the year. Final Sales Tax Liability, the sum of all sales tax components (detailed below), was slightly under estimate by \$1.4 M or 0.1% for the month.

Three of the six Sales Tax components were over estimate for the month and are also over estimate for the year as follows: Automobiles (over by \$3.0 M for the month and \$55.2 M or 2.8% for the year), Business (over by \$10.0 M for the month and \$38.8 M or 1.8% for the year), and Tourism (over by \$6.4 M for the month and \$15.5 M or 0.6% for the year). The Other Durables component was under estimate by \$5.5 M for the month, but is \$18.0 M (2.4%) over estimate for the year. The final two components were under estimate for both the month and year as follows: Consumer Nondurables (under by \$12.4 M for the month and \$31.8 M or 1.0% for the year) and Building (under by \$2.9 M for the month and \$14.5 M or 2.1% for the year). Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that occurred in November.

Of the other sources that were over estimate for December, the largest was Beverage Taxes (over by \$6.4 M for the month and \$45.9 M for the year), primarily because of unused scholarship credits. Other Nonoperating Revenues were over estimate by \$5.4 M for the month because of timing. Several other sources were over estimate for the month and are over estimate for the year, including Corporate Filing Fees (over by \$1.1 M for the month and \$1.3 M for the year), Tobacco Tax (over by \$0.9 M for the month and \$4.8 M for the year), and Insurance Taxes (over by \$0.1 M for the month and \$6.0 M for the year). Highway Safety Fees were over estimate by \$4.5 M for the month, but remain under estimate for the year by \$8.7 M (4.7%) because of timing. Parimutuel Taxes and Indian Gaming matched the estimates for the month of \$0.6 M and \$14.2 M, respectively. Indian Gaming payments received by the state assumed to be related to the continuation of banked card games (approximately \$5.3 M this month) are not included in the reported collections. These payments are being accounted for separately (effectively held in reserve) and total \$26.5 M for the year.

Of the sources that were under estimate for December, the largest shortfall was in Corporate Income Taxes (under by \$16.0 M or 4.2%). For the year, this source is \$107.6 M (10.4%) under estimate and is running 5.6% below prior year collections. Two other sources have been consistently under estimate for the past few months: Article V Fees (under by \$2.7 M for the month and \$7.7 M or 10.2% for the year) and Earnings on Investments (under by \$3.4 M for the month and \$8.1 M or 13.8% for the year). Documentary Stamp Tax GR and Intangibles Taxes were both under estimate for the month, by \$10.2 M and \$5.5 M, respectively, but are close to the estimates for the year. Service Charges and Counties' Medicaid Share were under estimate for the month as a result of timing and are over estimate for the year by \$1.6 M and \$0.6 M, respectively. Other sources that were under estimate for the month—and the year—include Other Taxes, Licenses, and Fees (under by \$0.6 M for the month and \$0.9 M for the year) and Severance Taxes (under by \$0.4 M for the month and \$0.7 M for the year).

Refunds were \$23.5 M over estimate for the month, with Corporate Income Tax and Sales Tax Refunds over estimate by \$22.5 M and \$1.9 M, respectively. Insurance Premium Tax Refunds were \$0.9 M under estimate. Because refunds reduce revenue, coming in over the estimate in Refunds decreases the bottom-line Net GR.

In summary, Net GR collections for December were \$42.1 M under the estimate for the month. The figures in the table below show the variance from monthly estimates that are based on the results of the August 14, 2015, estimating conference. Figures for January and subsequent months will reflect the January 19, 2016, estimating conference. Details of the estimates can be found at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content>.

Note that the listing of sources below has been rearranged to reflect each source's overall importance to GR.

Actual General Revenue Collections Compared to the August 14, 2015 Estimates (adjusted for Legislative changes)

Month	August	September	October	November	December
Monthly Overage (millions)	71.6	(82.4)	3.8	16.5	(42.1)
Year to Date Overage (millions - cumulative)	107.7	25.3	29.1	45.7	3.5
Percent of Monthly Estimate Collected	103.5%	96.5%	100.2%	100.8%	98.3%
Percent of Total Year Estimate Collected	15.1%	23.0%	30.3%	37.7%	46.2%

DECEMBER 2015 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS) BASED ON THE AUGUST 2015 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE								
	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				
	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH	OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE	ACTUAL CURRENT YEAR	ESTIMATE CURRENT YEAR	OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	PERCENT INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,821.1	1,815.5	5.6	10,486.8	10,384.3	102.5	9,979.0	5.1%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	368.5	384.5	(16.0)	928.2	1,035.8	(107.6)	983.5	-5.6%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	58.8	69.0	(10.2)	370.9	370.5	0.4	312.2	18.8%
INSURANCE TAXES	5.5	5.4	0.1	243.1	237.0	6.0	239.4	1.5%
SERVICE CHARGES	24.1	24.6	(0.5)	219.1	217.5	1.6	241.1	-9.1%
HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES	38.0	33.5	4.5	176.4	185.1	(8.7)	321.4	-45.1%
BEVERAGE TAXES	26.5	20.1	6.4	167.0	121.1	45.9	179.4	-6.9%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	27.6	33.1	(5.5)	166.2	166.6	(0.4)	149.2	11.4%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	6.8	5.7	1.1	49.5	48.1	1.3	47.3	4.5%
COUNTIES' MEDICAID SHARE	21.4	24.8	(3.4)	149.3	148.7	0.6	143.0	4.4%
INDIAN GAMING	14.2	14.2	0.0	121.7	126.9	(5.2)	131.5	-7.5%
TOBACCO TAX	16.0	15.1	0.9	80.8	76.0	4.8	77.1	4.9%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	9.3	12.0	(2.7)	67.8	75.5	(7.7)	77.0	-12.0%
OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES	16.0	10.6	5.4	95.5	72.8	22.7	65.2	46.4%
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	6.8	10.2	(3.4)	51.1	59.2	(8.1)	51.3	-0.5%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES	2.1	2.7	(0.6)	14.8	15.7	(0.9)	14.9	-0.8%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.6	0.6	0.0	7.4	6.9	0.4	9.1	-19.4%
SEVERANCE TAXES	0.1	0.5	(0.4)	5.6	6.4	(0.7)	7.6	-25.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	2,463.4	2,482.1	(18.6)	13,401.1	13,354.1	47.0	13,029.4	2.9%
LESS REFUNDS	51.8	28.3	23.5	275.2	231.7	43.5	230.6	19.3%
NET REVENUE	2,411.6	2,453.8	(42.1)	13,125.9	13,122.4	3.5	12,798.8	2.6%