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Revised General Revenue Collections for December 2018 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for December 2018 were \$78.7 M (2.8%) over the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on December 18, 2018.

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 \$26.1 M (1.3%) over estimate for the month. Final Sales Tax Liability, the sum of all sales tax components (detailed below), was over estimate for the month by \$35.5 M (1.6%).

Five of the six Sales Tax components were over estimate for the month as follows: Business (over by \$14.8 M or 3.4%); Consumer Nondurables (over by \$8.4 M or 1.2%); Automobiles (over by \$4.6 M or 1.2%); Other Durables (over by \$4.0 M or 2.6%); and Tourism (over by \$3.9 M or 0.8%). The Building component was very close to the estimate for the month (under by \$0.1 M or 0.1%). Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that occurred in November.

In addition to Sales Tax, eight other sources that support GR were over estimate for the month of December. The largest overage was in Corporate Income Tax, which was over estimate by \$62.7 M (15.5%). Pari-mutuel Taxes were over estimate for the month by \$5.2 M due to the timing of agency transfers that occurred in December, rather than in January as expected. The other sources that were over estimate for the month include: Beverage Taxes (over by \$1.1 M or 7.4%); Other Nonoperating Revenues (over by \$0.8 M or 5.9%); Intangibles Taxes (over by \$0.6 M or 2.3%); Earnings on Investments (over by \$0.5 M or 3.3%); Article V Fees and Transfers (over by \$0.2 M or 2.2%); and Severance Taxes (over by \$0.1 M or 104.1%). Indian Gaming matched the estimate of \$19.5 M for the month.

Eight sources were under estimate for the month, with the largest shortfall in Documentary Stamp Tax GR (under by \$8.0 M or 12.3%). Highway Safety Fees were under estimate by \$3.1 M (6.0%) primarily because of lower than expected driver license fees. Other sources that were under estimate for the month include Insurance Taxes-Surplus Lines (under by \$2.7 M or 89.0%); GR Service Charges (under by \$1.9 M or 7.3% largely because of lower Documentary Stamp Tax Service Charges); Tobacco Tax (under by \$1.3 M or 8.4%); Corporate Filing Fees (under by \$0.5 M or 6.6%); Counties' Medicaid Share (under by \$0.4 M or 1.8%); and Other Taxes, Licenses, and Fees (under by \$0.4 M or 12.8%).

Refunds were slightly over estimate by \$0.3 M (1.4%) for December. While the total was close to the estimate, there were offsetting errors to the estimate. Corporate Income Tax and Insurance Premium Tax refunds were both over estimate for the month by \$5.3 M or \$1.6 M, respectively. In contrast, Sales Tax and Other refunds were under estimate by \$6.4 M and \$0.2 M, respectively. 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 \$78.7 M over estimate for the month. The figures in the table below show the variance from monthly estimates that are based on the results of the estimating conference held December 18, 2018. 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.

| Month | December | January | February |
|--|----------|---------|----------|
| Monthly Overage (millions) | 78.7 | | |
| Year to Date Overage (millions - cumulative) | 81.5 | | |
| Percent of Monthly Estimate Collected | 102.8% | | |
| Percent of Total Year Estimate Collected | 47.6% | | |

| DECEMBER 2018 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS) BASED ON THE DECEMBER 2018 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 | 2,116.3 | 2,090.2 | 26.1 | 12,139.5 | 12,110.3 | 29.2 | 11,404.7 | 6.4% |
| CORPORATE INCOME TAX | 466.6 | 403.9 | 62.7 | 1,291.9 | 1,229.2 | 62.7 | 912.7 | 41.5% |
| DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX | 57.0 | 65.0 | (8.0) | 474.1 | 482.0 | (8.0) | 440.0 | 7.7% |
| INSURANCE TAXES | 0.3 | 3.0 | (2.7) | 289.8 | 292.5 | (2.7) | 257.7 | 12.5% |
| HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES | 48.7 | 51.8 | (3.1) | 253.2 | 256.3 | (3.1) | 244.8 | 3.4% |
| SERVICE CHARGES | 23.7 | 25.6 | (1.9) | 237.0 | 238.9 | (1.9) | 225.5 | 5.1% |
| INTANGIBLES TAXES | 29.3 | 28.7 | 0.6 | 194.5 | 193.9 | 0.6 | 183.4 | 6.1% |
| CORPORATE FILING FEES | 7.3 | 7.8 | (0.5) | 70.7 | 71.2 | (0.5) | 64.1 | 10.3% |
| INDIAN GAMING | 19.5 | 19.5 | 0.0 | 165.0 | 165.0 | 0.0 | 163.4 | 1.0% |
| COUNTIES' MEDICAID SHARE | 24.5 | 24.9 | (0.4) | 148.5 | 148.9 | (0.4) | 143.1 | 3.8% |
| BEVERAGE TAXES | 15.9 | 14.8 | 1.1 | 127.0 | 125.9 | 1.1 | 131.2 | -3.2% |
| TOBACCO TAX | 14.3 | 15.6 | (1.3) | 78.3 | 79.8 | (1.5) | 80.7 | -3.0% |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS | 14.4 | 13.9 | 0.5 | 89.0 | 88.6 | 0.5 | 70.8 | 25.8% |
| OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES | 15.0 | 14.2 | 0.8 | 90.4 | 89.6 | 0.8 | 76.7 | 17.9% |
| ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS | 8.2 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 53.3 | 53.1 | 0.2 | 51.4 | 3.7% |
| OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES | 2.5 | 2.9 | (0.4) | 17.5 | 17.9 | (0.4) | 17.3 | 1.1% |
| PARIMUTUEL TAXES | 5.7 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 9.9 | -7.6% |
| SEVERANCE TAXES | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 5.2 | 18.1% |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 2,869.5 | 2,790.4 | 79.0 | 15,735.0 | 15,653.1 | 81.8 | 14,482.5 | 8.6% |
| LESS REFUNDS | 25.0 | 24.7 | 0.3 | 162.3 | 161.9 | 0.3 | 191.0 | -15.0% |
| NET REVENUE | 2,844.4 | 2,765.7 | 78.7 | 15,572.7 | 15,491.2 | 81.5 | 14,291.6 | 9.0% |