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General Revenue Collections for June

Preliminary General Revenue (GR) collections for June were \$11.6 M under the estimate adopted at the March 2001 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC). (Details on the March Conference are available at http://www.state.fl.us/edr/Conferences/GR/grconference.htm.) Preliminary Sales Tax GR was \$19.0 M under estimate for the month, and \$108.1 M under estimate for the year-to-date. (Recall that distributions are made from total Sales Tax Collections to local governments, the Solid Waste Management Trust

General Revenue Collections

Month: \$11.6 M under the March 2001 estimate

\$81.0 M under the April 2000 estimate adjusted for Law Changes

Year: \$118.5 M under the March 2001

\$131.3 M under the April 2000 estimate adjusted for Law Changes

May Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$68.7 M or \$4.3 M below the February 2001 estimate

<u>Year</u>: \$798.9 M or \$8.2 M below the February 2001 estimate

\$13.2 M below the Feb 2000 estimate

Fund, and various sports facilities as well as to the General Revenue Fund.) Note that growth year-overyear in Sales Tax was affected by the law changes made this year. In prior years, portions of Tobacco Taxes, Intangibles Taxes, and Parimutuels Taxes were shared with cities and counties. This year, Sales Tax collections are replacing these three sources for revenue sharing, so the amount that flows to GR from the Sales Tax is net of these additional distributions. Sales Tax components are not yet available, but it appears that total collections were under estimate, while various adjustments to the sales tax (audits, warrants, stipulated audit payments and the like) were over estimate. Corporate Income Tax fell short, ending the year at \$75.8 M under estimate (about 5.3% below estimate for the year), reflecting the current downturn in corporate profits. The Estate Tax ended the year \$43.5 M under estimate (about 5.4% under estimate). These three sources account for the shortfall in this fiscal

The year's best performance came in Documentary Stamp Taxes, Intangibles C receipts (taxes on mortgages and other obligations secured by liens on Florida realty), and Insurance Premium Tax receipts. Total collections from the Documentary Stamp Tax (reflecting real estate activity) ended the fiscal year \$66.2 M (about 5.3%) over estimate. Transfers from these Documentary Stamp Tax receipts to GR, consequently, ended up \$50.3 M over estimate for the fiscal year. While Intangibles C exceeded estimates, Intangibles BD (taxes on stocks, bonds, notes, partnership interests, etc.) failed to reach estimates, primarily due to the downturn in stock values. Total collections for both parts of the Intangibles Tax ended the fiscal year \$6.3 M (less than 1%) under estimate for the year. Because refunds in this source fell under estimate, the transfer to GR actually ended the year over estimate by \$4.1 M. Insurance Premium collections exceeded estimates by \$15.1 M (about 3.8%) for the fiscal year, resulting in a transfer to GR that ended \$9.7 M over estimate for the fiscal year. Adding

to the upside, total Refunds ended the fiscal year \$26.0 M under estimate

All of the other GR sources not mentioned above netted \$19.1 M over estimates. As expected, Other Taxes and Fees, a large collection of very small GR sources, recovered in June with the transfer to GR from the Department of Corrections' Cost of Supervision Fees. Other GR was over estimate by \$18.2 M for the month and \$6.5 M for the fiscal year. Service Charges exceeded estimates, largely due to the large Documentary Stamp Tax collections overage discussed above; this source ended the fiscal year about 1.6% over estimate.

Overall, preliminary Net GR collections for June were \$11.6 M under estimate for the month and \$118.5 M under estimate for the fiscal year. All estimates in the table below are based on the most recent General Revenue Estimating Conference that met on March 9, 2001.

JUNE GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)								
		(BASED ON MA			13)			
		MONTH		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	OVER/	CURRENT	CURRENT	OVER/	PRIOR	PERCENT
	CURRENT	CURRENT	UNDER	YEAR	YEAR	UNDER	YEAR	INCREASE/
	MONTH	MONTH	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,161.8	1,180.7	(19.0)	13,957.1	14,065.2	(108.1)	13,766.7	1.4%
BEVERAGE TAXES	46.0	41.0	5.1	523.3	524.9	(1.6)	556.6	-6.0%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	210.8	263.2	(52.4)	1,344.8	1,420.6	(75.8)	1,406.5	-4.4%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	87.5	68.5	19.0	479.2	428.9	50.3	453.8	5.6%
TOBACCO TAX	44.5	39.8	4.8	273.5	268.6	4.9	125.3	118.2%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	67.1	62.0	5.0	283.1	273.4	9.7	285.2	-0.7%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	5.8	3.8	1.9	16.6	14.6	2.0	13.0	27.5%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	95.0	95.2	(0.2)	660.8	656.7	4.1	578.5	14.2%
ESTATE TAX	63.8	66.9	(3.1)	767.1	810.6	(43.5)	778.7	-1.5%
INTEREST EARNINGS	23.7	25.8	(2.1)	300.6	302.0	(1.4)	230.8	30.2%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	4.5	2.8	1.7	63.0	63.2	(0.2)	63.5	-0.9%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	12.5	14.0	(1.5)	127.4	130.0	(2.6)	118.9	7.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE CHARGES	5.5	4.4	1.1	44.4	42.3	2.1	44.1	0.7%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.6	2.8	(0.2)	28.6	28.1	0.5	30.3	-5.8%
SEVERANCE TAXES SERVICE CHARGES CORPORATION TRUST FUND FEES OTHER TAXES LICENSES & FEES	0.0	1.9	(1.9)	20.6	21.2	(0.6)	28.9	-28.8%
	32.6	33.3	(0.7)	364.7	358.8	5.9	409.7	-11.0%
	17.6	9.7	7.9	107.5	103.9	3.6	99.9	7.6%
	35.4	17.2	18.2	167.3	160.8	6.5	171.9	-2.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,916.5	1,933.0	(16.5)	19,529.3	19,673.8	(144.5)	19,162.2	1.9%
LESS REFUNDS	20.3	25.2	(4.9)	339.9	365.9	(26.0)	362.2	-6.17%
NET REVENUE	1,896.2	1,907.8	(11.6)	19,189.4	19,307.9	(118.5)	18,800.0	2.1%