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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Paul R. LePage<br>Members, Legislative Council<br>Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs<br>Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

FROM: H. Sawin Millett Jr., Commissioner
Department of Administrative \& Financial Services
DATE: January 10, 2013
SUBJ: Revenues - December

December General Fund revenues were over budget by $\$ 5.1$ million or 2.1\%. Year-to-date FY14 General Fund revenues are $\$ 1.2$ million over budget ( $+0.1 \%$ ). Compared to the first-half of last fiscal year, revenues are up $4.0 \%$ ( $+\$ 51.6$ million). Please note that the Controller's December revenue report reflects the December $1^{\text {st }}$ revenue forecast update by the Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC).

Sales \& use tax receipts were over budget for the month by $\$ 2.1$ million. December revenues (November sales) provide early data on the holiday shopping season. Year-over-year taxable sales growth for the month was $3.1 \%$, which was well below recent growth of $6 \%$ or more, but slightly above budgeted growth. Auto/transportation and building supply establishment sales which have been the drivers of the recent increase in consumer sales slowed in November to $3.8 \%$ and $5.4 \%$, respectively.

Individual income taxes were over budget in December by $\$ 6.6$ million, (+5.2\%). Stronger than projected final and fiduciary payments combined with lower than budgeted refunds were the primary causes of the monthly surplus. Withholding receipts were on budget for the month. Prepayments in December of the final estimated payment due January $15^{\text {th }}$ were over budget by $\$ 470,000$. December and January estimated payments need to be combined to fully understand the performance of the final estimated payment relative to budget.

## Sales \& Use Taxes

Revenue was $\$ 2.1$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 2.1$ million (+0.4\%) over budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date revenue was $\$ 46.1$ million (+10.6\%) over fiscal year 2013. The fiscal year growth is affected by the tax increase that was effective October $1^{\text {st }}$.

## Taxable Sales

Total taxable sales for the month of November (December revenue) were up $3.1 \%$ from November 2012. The annual rate of change was $3.6 \%$. Building supply sales were up $5.4 \%$ for the month and $4.2 \%$ for the year ending in November. Sales of taxable items in food stores were up $2.2 \%$ for the month and $1.3 \%$ for the year. General merchandise sales (primarily sales of goods sold in large department and discount stores) were up $1.8 \%$ for the month and $0.7 \%$ for the year. Sales in other retail stores such as jewelry, drug, sporting goods, book, antique, pet, photo, toy, and craft stores were up $3.2 \%$ for the month and $2.5 \%$ for the year. Auto/transportation sector sales were up $3.8 \%$ for the month and $6.9 \%$ for the year. Sales of meals and other prepared foods were up $5.4 \%$ for the month and $3.2 \%$ for the year. Lodging sales were up $3.0 \%$ for the month and $6.1 \%$ for the year. Business operating sales (primarily use tax paid by businesses) were up $0.7 \%$ for the month and $4.3 \%$ for the year.

## Service Provider Tax

Revenue was $\$ 185,598$ under budget for the month and $\$ 185,597$ (-0.9\%) under budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Individual Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 6.6$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 6.6$ million ( $+1.0 \%$ ) over budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date withholding payments were $2.9 \%$ under fiscal year 2013. Estimated payments were up $10.4 \%$ and final payments were up $18.5 \%$ fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date revenue was \$22 million (-3.2\%) under fiscal year 2013.

## Corporate Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 2.7$ million under budget for the month and $\$ 2.7$ million ( $-3.3 \%$ ) under budget fiscal year-to-date. Estimated payments were up 3.2\% and final payments were down 21.8\% fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date revenue was \$8.1 million (+11.4\%) over fiscal year 2013.

## Cigarette \& Tobacco Taxes

Cigarette and tobacco products tax revenue was $\$ 1.8$ million under budget for the month and $\$ 938,600$ ( $+1.3 \%$ ) over budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Insurance Companies Taxes

The Insurance Companies Taxes were $\$ 28,900$ under budget for the month and $\$ 211,434$ under budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Estate Tax

The estate tax was $\$ 819,257$ under budget for the month and $\$ 3.5$ million under budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Transfers for Tax Relief Programs

Refunds for the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) were under budget in December by $\$ 0.5$ million. Year-to-date the tax relief programs are over budget by $\$ 1.8$ million (3.7\%).

## Municipal Revenue Sharing

Revenue sharing was on budget for the month and for the fiscal year.

## Lottery

Lottery Revenues were over budget for the month by $\$ 0.6$ million or $13.3 \%$. Year-to-date lottery receipts are $\$ 1.1$ million under budget.

## Other Revenues

Other Revenues were over budget by $\$ 0.095$ million for the month, a variance of $9.9 \%$.

## Highway Fund

Motor fuel tax receipts exceeded budget in December by $\$ 0.317$ million. The Highway Fund as a whole was also over budget for the month by $\$ 0.225$ million. Compared to the same six month period last fiscal year motor fuel excise tax receipts are up 1.4\%.

## National Economy

A string of positive data releases on fourth quarter economic activity was broken when the December employment release reported only 74,000 net new jobs and a significant drop in labor force participation. The quick assessment by most economists is that the jobs report is inconsistent with most other economic indicators and that it's either an aberration or a figure that will be revised upward in the near future. The majority review remains that the US economy may finally have turned the corner on anemic and uneven economic growth, and 2014 is on track to be a period of sustained growth in the $3-4 \%$ range.

## Maine Economy

The November taxable sales report indicates that as expected consumer spending slowed during the early stages of the holiday shopping season, but not by as much as budgeted. Year-over-year taxable sales growth slowed to $3.1 \%$ in November, after consistently growing in the mid to high single digits since the spring. Auto/transportation sales which have been increasing at doubledigit rates only grew by $3.8 \%$ in November. Building supply store sales increased by $5.4 \%$ compared to November 2013; solid growth, but much less than the $11.6 \%$ averaged over the
previous three month period. National data on December sales indicate a mild holiday shopping season. Auto sales in December were one of the slowest of the year.

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STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Sixth Month Ended December 31, 2013
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014
Comparison to Budget

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual | Budget | Variance Over/(Under) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Actual | Budget | Variance Over/(Under) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Total Budgeted Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2014 |
| Sales and Use Tax | 83,272,126 | 81,146,562 | 2,125,564 | 2.6\% | 483,033,527 | 480,907,963 | 2,125,564 | $0.4 \%$ | 1,108,677,783 |
| Service Provider Tax | 3,937,449 | 4,123,047 | $(185,598)$ | (4.5\%) | 19,893,246 | 20,078,843 | $(185,597)$ | (0.9\%) | 49,317,427 |
| Individual Income Tax | 133,156,697 | 126,583,902 | 6,572,795 | 5.2\% | 662,180,031 | 655,618,435 | 6,561,596 | 1.0\% | 1,380,685,000 |
| Corporate Income Tax | 30,996,557 | 33,712,922 | $(2,716,365)$ | (8.1\%) | 78,939,749 | 81,656,164 | $(2,716,415)$ | (3.3\%) | 169,706,958 |
| Cigarette and Tobacco Tax | 8,729,162 | 10,488,000 | $(1,758,838)$ | (16.8\%) | 71,353,883 | 70,415,283 | 938,600 | 1.3\% | 135,900,000 |
| Insurance Companies Tax | 5,124 | 34,024 | $(28,900)$ | (84.9\%) | 12,927,037 | 13,138,471 | $(211,434)$ | (1.6\%) | 80,715,000 |
| Estate Tax | 1,290,108 | 2,109,365 | $(819,257)$ | (38.8\%) | 7,228,198 | 10,679,065 | $(3,450,867)$ | (32.3\%) | 27,553,982 |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 1,632,173 | 1,564,450 | 67,723 | 4.3\% | 11,154,574 | 11,627,205 | $(472,631)$ | (4.1\%) | 23,431,666 |
| Income from Investments | 13,187 | $(1,743)$ | 14,930 | 856.6\% | 137,627 | 117,013 | 20,614 | 17.6\% | 13,818 |
| Transfer from Lottery Commission | 4,859,512 | 4,288,457 | 571,055 | 13.3\% | 26,732,942 | 27,875,000 | $(1,142,058)$ | (4.1\%) | 55,750,000 |
| Transfers for Tax Relief Programs | $(23,394,660)$ | $(23,859,754)$ | 465,094 | 1.9\% | $(49,315,363)$ | $(47,550,917)$ | $(1,764,446)$ | (3.7\%) | $(61,540,498)$ |
| Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing | $(5,215,578)$ | $(5,215,580)$ | 2 | 0.0\% | $(32,222,730)$ | $(32,222,732)$ | 2 | 0.0\% | $(64,795,934)$ |
| Other Taxes and Fees | 8,312,457 | 7,579,246 | 733,211 | 9.7\% | 59,355,738 | 58,232,650 | 1,123,088 | 1.9\% | 127,884,891 |
| Other Revenues | 1,054,297 | 959,156 | 95,141 | 9.9\% | 4,878,729 | 4,511,113 | 367,616 | 8.1\% | 41,077,521 |
| Total Collected | 248,648,611 | 243,512,054 | 5,136,557 | 2.1\% | 1,356,277,189 | 1,355,083,556 | 1,193,633 | 0.1\% | 3,074,377,614 |

NOTES: (1) Included in the above is $\$ 5,215,578$ for the month and $\$ 32,222,730$ year-to-date, that was set aside for Revenue Sharing with cities and towns.
(2) Figures reflect estimates of the Maine State Revenue Forecasting Committee approved in December 2013.
(3) This report has been prepared from preliminary month end figures and is subject to change.

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Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Sixth Month Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and 2013
Comparison to Prior Year

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014
Comparison to Budget


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For the Sixth Month Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012
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Comparison to Prior Year

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|  | Current Year | Prior Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Current Year | Prior Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Detail of Other Taxes \& Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0100s All Others | 958,478 | 871,228 | 87,250 | 10.0\% | 16,353,700 | 14,011,314 | 2,342,387 | 16.7\% |
| 0300s Aeronautical Gas Tax | 20,528 | 20,421 | 107 | 0.5\% | 140,207 | 139,320 | 887 | $0.6 \%$ |
| 0400s Alcohol Excise Tax | 1,390,246 | 978,948 | 411,299 | 42.0\% | 9,765,271 | 9,266,961 | 498,310 | 5.4\% |
| 0700s Corporation Taxes | 148,788 | 157,394 | $(8,606)$ | (5.5\%) | 1,404,025 | 1,399,923 | 4,102 | 0.3\% |
| 0800s Public Utilities | - | 89,636 | $(89,636)$ | (100.0\%) | $(1,169,972)$ | $(403,834)$ | $(766,138)$ | (189.7\%) |
| 1000s Banking Taxes | 2,902,650 | 2,164,400 | 738,250 | 34.1\% | 13,027,500 | 11,987,000 | 1,040,500 | 8.7\% |
| 1100s Alcoholic Beverages | 532,284 | 484,922 | 47,362 | 9.8\% | 2,762,135 | 2,465,229 | 296,906 | 12.0\% |
| 1200s Amusements Tax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1300s Harness Racing Pari-mutuel | 651,516 | 1,158,495 | $(506,979)$ | (43.8\%) | 4,445,898 | 7,190,689 | $(2,744,791)$ | (38.2\%) |
| 1400s Business Taxes | 687,991 | 491,557 | 196,435 | 40.0\% | 2,764,109 | 4,286,944 | $(1,522,835)$ | (35.5\%) |
| 1500s Motor Vehicle Licenses | 403,778 | 269,472 | 134,306 | 49.8\% | 2,006,054 | 1,968,377 | 37,677 | 1.9\% |
| 1700s Inland Fisheries \& Wildlife | 591,529 | 627,304 | $(35,775)$ | (5.7\%) | 7,668,132 | 7,313,680 | 354,453 | 4.8\% |
| 1900s Other Licenses | 24,668 | 37,128 | $(12,460)$ | (33.6\%) | 188,677 | 7,233,303 | $(7,044,626)$ | (97.4\%) |
| Total Other Taxes \& Fees | 8,312,457 | 7,350,904 | 961,553 | 13.1\% | 59,355,738 | 66,858,905 | $(7,503,167)$ | (11.2\%) |
| Detail of Other Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2200s Federal Revenues | 9,683 | 85,680 | $(75,996)$ | (88.7\%) | 194,454 | 219,455 | $(25,001)$ | (11.4\%) |
| 2300s County Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2400s Revenues from Cities and Towns | 937 | 1,033 | (95) | (9.2\%) | 155,683 | 142,708 | 12,974 | 9.1\% |
| 2500s Revenues from Private Sources | 133,496 | 134,060 | (564) | (0.4\%) | 865,979 | 643,262 | 222,718 | 34.6\% |
| 2600s Current Service Charges | 1,262,348 | 2,109,546 | $(847,198)$ | (40.2\%) | 12,558,040 | 14,328,750 | $(1,770,710)$ | (12.4\%) |
| 2700s Transfers from Other Funds | $(361,822)$ | 1,065,594 | $(1,427,416)$ | (134.0\%) | $(8,939,177)$ | $(11,529,053)$ | 2,589,876 | 22.5\% |
| 2800s Sales of Property \& Equipment | 9,654 | 11,300 | $(1,646)$ | (14.6\%) | 43,750 | 74,308 | $(30,558)$ | (41.1\%) |
| Total Other Revenues | 1,054,297 | 3,407,212 | $(2,352,916)$ | (69.1\%) | 4,878,729 | 3,879,430 | 999,299 | 25.8\% |

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EXHIBIT V
Undedicated Revenues - Highway Fund
For the Sixth Month Ended December 31, 2013
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014
Comparison to Budget

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| Fuel Taxes | 17,765,166 | 17,448,359 | 316,807 | 1.8\% | 95,456,024 | 91,932,884 | 3,523,140 | 3.8\% | 210,011,240 |
| Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees | 3,801,105 | 3,494,320 | 306,785 | 8.8\% | 39,343,066 | 38,568,695 | 774,371 | 2.0\% | 84,362,917 |
| Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees | 224,328 | 569,890 | $(345,562)$ | (60.6\%) | 1,250,019 | 1,930,790 | $(680,771)$ | (35.3\%) | 2,982,500 |
| Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees | 90,075 | 90,997 | (922) | (1.0\%) | 606,230 | 679,493 | $(73,263)$ | (10.8\%) | 1,313,165 |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 98,219 | 98,219 | 0 | 0.0\% | 538,348 | 541,176 | $(2,828)$ | (0.5\%) | 1,007,998 |
| Earnings on Investments | 3,881 | 8,286 | $(4,405)$ | (53.2\%) | 31,308 | 51,106 | $(19,798)$ | (38.7\%) | 100,825 |
| All Other | 432,670 | 479,999 | $(47,329)$ | (9.9\%) | 5,660,126 | 5,669,955 | $(9,829)$ | (0.2\%) | 8,797,218 |
| Total Collected | 22,415,443 | 22,190,070 | 225,373 | 1.0\% | 142,885,122 | 139,374,099 | 3,511,023 | $2.5 \%$ | 308,575,863 |

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| Fuel Taxes | 17,765,166 | 18,057,881 | $(292,715)$ | (1.6\%) | 95,456,024 | 94,141,797 | 1,314,227 | 1.4\% |
| Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees | 3,801,105 | 1,918,865 | 1,882,239 | 98.1\% | 39,343,066 | 42,560,251 | $(3,217,184)$ | (7.6\%) |
| Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees | 224,328 | 566,835 | $(342,507)$ | (60.4\%) | 1,250,019 | 1,905,575 | $(655,556)$ | (34.4\%) |
| Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees | 90,075 | 78,447 | 11,628 | 14.8\% | 606,230 | 642,454 | $(36,224)$ | (5.6\%) |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 98,219 | 90,827 | 7,392 | 8.1\% | 538,348 | 550,225 | $(11,876)$ | (2.2\%) |
| Earnings on Investments | 3,881 | 6,686 | $(2,805)$ | (42.0\%) | 31,308 | 35,134 | $(3,826)$ | (10.9\%) |
| All Other | 432,670 | 472,971 | $(40,301)$ | (8.5\%) | 5,660,126 | 5,478,008 | 182,118 | 3.3\% |
| Total Collected | 22,415,443 | 21,192,512 | 1,222,931 | 5.8\% | 142,885,122 | 145,313,443 | $(2,428,321)$ | (1.7\%) |

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Maine Revenue Services Taxable Sales by Sector In Thousands of Dollars

| Nov. '13 | \% Ch. | Nov. '12 | \% Ch. | Nov. ' 11 | Average Last 3 Mos. Vs. Last Yr. \% Change | Moving Total Last 12 Mos. Vs. Prior \% Change | YTD Growth CY'13 vs. '12 Thru. Nov. \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$176,865.2 | 5.4\% | \$167,772.8 | -13.5\% | \$193,986.2 | 10.3\% | 4.2\% | 6.3\% |
| \$124,893.8 | 2.2\% | \$122,199.7 | 1.4\% | \$120,505.7 | 2.8\% | 1.3\% | 1.5\% |
| \$290,422.6 | 1.8\% | \$285,418.6 | 1.7\% | \$280,758.6 | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 1.2\% |
| \$169,182.8 | 3.2\% | \$164,008.6 | -1.1\% | \$165,865.1 | 6.2\% | 2.5\% | 3.7\% |
| \$285,577.8 | 3.8\% | \$275,045.9 | 5.8\% | \$259,965.5 | 9.4\% | 6.9\% | 7.8\% |
| \$149,467.4 | 5.4\% | \$141,799.5 | 5.6\% | \$134,265.0 | 3.1\% | 3.2\% | 3.5\% |
| \$22,852.0 | 3.0\% | \$22,182.6 | 5.4\% | \$21,046.2 | 6.8\% | 6.1\% | 6.3\% |
| \$1,219,261.6 | 3.5\% | \$1,178,427.7 | 0.2\% | \$1,176,392.3 | 5.6\% | 3.5\% | 4.4\% |
| \$151,810.2 | 0.7\% | \$150,807.1 | 4.2\% | \$144,686.0 | 6.2\% | 4.3\% | 5.6\% |
| \$1,371,071.8 | 3.1\% | \$1,329,234.8 | 0.6\% | \$1,321,078.3 | 5.7\% | 3.6\% | 4.6\% |

