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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Commissioner Alec Porteous
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DATE: December 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Revenues - November
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November General Fund revenues were over budget by $\$ 12.3$ million or 4.7 percent. For the first five months of fiscal year 2018, General Fund revenues are $\$ 45.1$ million over budget ( +3.1 percent). Compared to the same five-month period of last fiscal year, fiscal year 2018 General Fund revenues are up by 3.6 percent ( $+\$ 52$ million). Note, this report is relative to the May Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) forecast as adjusted for legislation enacted during the first session of the 128th Legislature. The December Controller's report will be based on the December 1, 2017 forecast by the RFC.

October taxable sales (November revenue) increased 4.4 percent over last year. For the month, sales and use and service provider taxes, combined, were on budget. Maine automobile dealers experienced an increase in sales of 4.9 percent in October, which was much better than the last two months. Tourismrelated sales growth, specifically those tied to restaurants and lodging, was strong, 4.9 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively. Building supply ( +8.5 percent) and general merchandise ( +6.5 percent) were the other sectors with robust year-over-year growth in October. Overall year-over-year consumer sales growth of 5.3 percent in October may indicate the economy is supportive of a solid holiday shopping season by Maine households.

Individual income tax revenues were over budget in November by $\$ 10.3$ million. Withholding payments remain the major source of strength on the individual income tax revenue line. Withholding accounted for $\$ 9.7$ million of the monthly positive variance. The final estimated payment for tax year 2017 is due January 15, 2018, but many taxpayers prepay that payment in December to increase the deduction for
state and local income taxes at the federal level. The prepayment may be large in 2017 if Congress passes legislation to repeal or limit the state and local tax deduction beginning in tax year 2018.

Corporate income tax payments were under budget by $\$ 5.9$ million in November, and are now $\$ 3.5$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Refunds for the month were over budget by $\$ 6.4$ million. Most calendar year corporate filers filed their 2016 return on extension in October, thus most corporate refunds are paid between October and February. The overage in November refunds offsets the lack of refunds in October. Any conclusions regarding the accuracy of the current forecast of corporate refunds must wait until the end of February, when most of the refunds for the 2016 tax year will have been issued.

## Sales and Use Taxes

Revenue was $\$ 37,592$ over budget for the month and $\$ 3.8$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Revenue was $\$ 30.7$ million or 4.8 percent over prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Taxable Sales

Total taxable sales for the month of October (November revenue) were 4.4 percent over October 2016. The annual rate of change, excluding utilities, was 4.4 percent. Building supply sales were up 8.5 percent for the month and 4.9 percent for the year ending in October. Sales of taxable items in food stores were up 5.5 percent for the month and up 3.2 percent for the year. General merchandise sales (primarily sales of goods sold in large department and discount stores) were up 6.5 percent for the month and 5.3 percent for the year. Sales in other retail stores such as jewelry, drug, sporting goods, book, antique, pet, photo, toy, and craft stores were down 0.1 percent for the month and up 3.2 percent for the year. Auto/transportation sector sales were up 4.9 percent for the month and 4.0 percent for the year. Sales of meals and other prepared foods were up 4.9 percent for the month and 3.2 percent for the year. Lodging sales were up 6.7 percent for the month and up 6.3 percent for the year. Business operating sales (primarily use tax paid by businesses) increased 4.1 percent for the month and up 2.5 percent for the year.

## Service Provider Tax

Revenue was under budget for the month by $\$ 33,386$ and is now $\$ 0.9$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Revenue is $\$ 0.4$ million or -1.5 percent under prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Individual Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 10.3$ million or 8.3 percent over budget for the month and $\$ 35$ million or 5.7 percent over budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date withholding payments were 7.3 percent over fiscal year 2017. Estimated payments were up 0.6 percent and final payments were down 2.5 percent fiscal year-todate.

## Corporate Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 5.9$ million or 296 percent under budget for the month and $\$ 3.5$ million or 7.4 percent over budget fiscal year-to-date. Estimated payments were down 4.7 percent and final payments were up 32.5 percent fiscal year-to-date. Revenue was $\$ 0.8$ million or 1.6 percent over prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes

Cigarette and tobacco products tax revenue was $\$ 2.3$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 6$ million or 9.7 percent under budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date revenue was $\$ 6.4$ million or 10.4 percent under prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Insurance Companies Taxes

The Insurance Companies Taxes were $\$ 0.3$ million under budget for the month and $\$ 2.4$ million under budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Estate Tax

The estate tax was $\$ 1$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 2$ million over budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Property Tax Relief Programs

Refunds for the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) programs were under budget in November by $\$ 1.2$ million and are now $\$ 6.6$ million under budget year-to-date.

## Municipal Revenue Sharing

Revenue sharing was over budget in November by $\$ 0.1$ million and for the first five months of the fiscal year by $\$ 1.2$ million.

## Lottery

Lottery revenues were over budget for the month by $\$ 1.1$ million and are now over budget for the fiscal year by $\$ 3.6$ million.

## Other Revenues

Other Revenues were over budget for the month by $\$ 0.8$ million. For the fiscal year, other revenues are under budget by $\$ 1$ million or 9.4 percent.

## Highway Fund

Motor fuel excise tax receipts were over budget in November by $\$ 0.3$ million. The Highway Fund, in total, was over budget for the month by $\$ 1.4$ million or 4.5 percent. For the first five months of the fiscal year, motor fuel excise tax revenues are under budget by $\$ 2.4$ million and total Highway Fund receipts are over budget by $\$ 0.3$ million.

## National Economy

As expected the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) increased the target range for the federal funds rate by 25 basis points at their December $13^{\text {th }}$ meeting. The FOMC noted that they expect "economic activity will expand at a moderate pace and labor market conditions will remain strong." The Committee expects future increases will be warranted, but that they will evolve through gradual increases.

November retail sales were much stronger than economists expected, and September and October sales were revised upward as well. Retail sales growth was broad, with vehicle sales being the only weak area. November core sales, excluding autos and gas, were up 5 percent over last November, the strongest year-over-year growth since June 2016. Economists now believe the holiday shopping season will exceed expectations, but post-holiday sales are expected to slow as in previous years. Fiscal stimulus from the likely federal tax cut may cause economists to revise their projections for 2018.

## Maine Economy

The RFC released their December 1 revenue forecast and made relatively minor net adjustments to their last forecast. General Fund revenue estimates were revised upward by $\$ 17.9$ million for FY18, but downward by $\$ 11.7$ million for FY19 (upward by $\$ 6.2$ million for the 2018-19 biennium). The revised forecast increases the overall rate of growth for General Fund revenue for FY18 from - 0.2 percent to 0.3 percent, but reduced the rate of growth for FY19 from 4.7 percent to 3.8 percent. The estimates for the 2020-21 biennium were revised upward by a net amount of $\$ 0.5$ million.

Two reports released last week by the Rockefeller Institute of Government and the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) both concluded that state revenue growth has been sluggish across the country. Thus, enacted state general fund spending for FY 18 are only budgeted to increase by 2.3 percent; the lowest increase since FY10. FY17 revenues in 27 states came in below budget requiring mid-year budget adjustments and in some cases using rainy day funds to balance their budgets at year end. In general states are being cautious in their budgeting as they work to restore structural balance and monitor the discussions in Washington around tax reform.

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Attachments

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STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Fifth Month Ended November 30, 2017
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
Comparison to Budget


NOTES: (1) Included in the above is $\$ 5,412,549$ for the month and $\$ 29,379,550$ 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 May 2017 and laws enacted through the $128^{\text {th }}$ Legislature, 1st Regular Session including PL 2017 c. 303
(3) This report has been prepared from preliminary month end figures and is subject to change

STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Fifth Month Ended November 30, 2017 and 2016
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and 2017
Comparison to Prior Year

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current Year | Prior Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Percent Over/(Under) | Current Year | Prior Year | Variance Over/(Under) | Percent Over/(Under) |
| Sales and Use Tax | 113,679,214 | 108,892,038 | 4,787,176 | 4.4\% | 667,358,610 | 636,658,056 | 30,700,554 | 4.8\% |
| Service Provider Tax | 4,866,614 | 4,859,711 | 6,904 | 0.1\% | 25,433,540 | 25,829,204 | $(395,665)$ | (1.5\%) |
| Individual Income Tax | 135,081,851 | 116,887,960 | 18,193,890 | 15.6\% | 642,899,295 | 607,911,844 | 34,987,451 | $5.8 \%$ |
| Corporate Income Tax | $(7,920,691)$ | $(1,552,326)$ | $(6,368,365)$ | (410.2\%) | 50,356,380 | 49,553,546 | 802,834 | 1.6\% |
| Cigarette and Tobacco Tax | 13,499,822 | 11,920,585 | 1,579,237 | 13.2\% | 55,136,588 | 61,516,650 | $(6,380,062)$ | (10.4\%) |
| Insurance Companies Tax | 2,567,954 | 2,952,911 | $(384,957)$ | (13.0\%) | 12,095,202 | 15,189,773 | $(3,094,572)$ | (20.4\%) |
| Estate Tax | 2,077,052 | 3,248,241 | $(1,171,189)$ | (36.1\%) | 7,239,034 | 9,771,261 | $(2,532,227)$ | (25.9\%) |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 1,640,152 | 1,547,802 | 92,350 | 6.0\% | 7,672,254 | 7,726,454 | $(54,200)$ | (0.7\%) |
| Income from Investments | 522,731 | 281,306 | 241,425 | 85.8\% | 1,828,219 | 1,000,240 | 827,979 | 82.8\% |
| Transfer from Lottery Commission | 5,242,977 | 3,893,972 | 1,349,005 | 34.6\% | 26,418,333 | 24,586,516 | 1,831,817 | 7.5\% |
| Transfers for Tax Relief Programs | $(1,785,323)$ | $(3,017,735)$ | 1,232,413 | 40.8\% | $(7,426,838)$ | $(8,949,773)$ | 1,522,935 | 17.0\% |
| Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing | $(5,412,549)$ | $(5,205,410)$ | $(207,140)$ | (4.0\%) | $(29,379,550)$ | $(27,674,027)$ | $(1,705,523)$ | (6.2\%) |
| Other Taxes and Fees | 9,569,713 | 9,251,342 | 318,371 | 3.4\% | 59,351,341 | 62,083,349 | $(2,732,008)$ | (4.4\%) |
| Other Revenues | 3,013,641 | 2,527,745 | 485,896 | 19.2\% | $(11,749,362)$ | $(9,972,860)$ | $(1,776,503)$ | (17.8\%) |
| Total Collected | 276,643,157 | 256,488,141 | 20,155,016 | 7.9\% | 1,507,233,044 | 1,455,230,235 | 52,002,809 | 3.6\% |

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For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
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 6-30-2018 |
| Detail of Other Taxes \& Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0100s All Others | 1,926,411 | 1,568,404 | 358,007 | 22.8\% | 19,489,617 | 21,982,951 | $(2,493,334)$ | (11.3\%) | 32,214,337 |
| 0300s Aeronautical Gas Tax | 24,168 | 23,220 | 948 | 4.1\% | 125,584 | 123,119 | 2,465 | 2. $0 \%$ | 270,520 |
| 0400s Alcohol Excise Tax | 1,448,315 | 1,311,072 | 137,243 | 10.5\% | 9,045,897 | 7,178,087 | 1,867,810 | 26.0\% | 15,732,850 |
| 0700s Corporation Taxes | 209,260 | 150,689 | 58,571 | 38.9\% | 1,617,002 | 1,297,451 | 319,551 | 24.6\% | 9,538,649 |
| 0800s Public Utilities | 365 | - | 365 | - | 3,073 | - | 3,073 | - | 6,250,000 |
| 1000s Banking Taxes | 2,785,250 | 2,195,999 | 589,251 | 26.8\% | 11,072,700 | 10,979,999 | 92,701 | $0.8 \%$ | 26,891,990 |
| 1100s Alcoholic Beverages | 474,518 | 530,478 | $(55,960)$ | (10.5\%) | 2,214,791 | 2,205,947 | 8,844 | $0.4 \%$ | 5,053,838 |
| 1200s Amusements Tax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1300s Harness Racing Pari-mutuel | 800,235 | 688,630 | 111,605 | 16.2\% | 3,786,138 | 3,752,261 | 33,877 | $0.9 \%$ | 8,572,671 |
| 1400s Business Taxes | 409,569 | 443,122 | $(33,553)$ | (7.6\%) | 2,911,271 | 2,859,854 | 51,417 | 1.8\% | 8,948,032 |
| 1500s Motor Vehicle Licenses | 244,541 | 226,357 | 18,184 | 8.0\% | 1,630,087 | 2,160,345 | $(530,258)$ | (24.5\%) | 4,281,202 |
| 1700s Inland Fisheries \& Wildife | 1,169,769 | 1,036,974 | 132,795 | 12.8\% | 7,249,568 | 6,788,734 | 460,834 | 6.8\% | 15,878,217 |
| 1900s Other Licenses | 77,312 | 48,217 | 29,095 | 60.3\% | 205,613 | 199,052 | 6,561 | 3.3\% | 508,194 |
| Total Other Taxes \& Fees | 9,569,713 | 8,223,162 | 1,346,551 | 16.4\% | 59,351,341 | 59,527,800 | $(176,459)$ | (0.3\%) | 134,140,500 |
| Detail of Other Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2200s Federal Revenues | 8,644 | 27,917 | $(19,273)$ | (69.0\%) | 104,664 | 139,584 | $(34,920)$ | (25.0\%) | 335,000 |
| 2300s County Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2400s Revenues from Cities and Towns | - | 23,166 | $(23,166)$ | (100.0\%) | 82,048 | 115,830 | $(33,782)$ | (29.2\%) | 277,996 |
| 2500s Revenues from Private Sources | 197,289 | 146,440 | 50,849 | 34.7\% | 733,082 | 821,677 | $(88,595)$ | (10.8\%) | 1,545,000 |
| 2600s Current Service Charges | 2,386,086 | 1,716,717 | 669,369 | 39.0\% | 11,861,013 | 11,911,295 | $(50,282)$ | (0.4\%) | 26,670,823 |
| 2700s Transfers from Other Funds | 394,045 | 323,515 | 70,530 | 21.8\% | $(24,633,655)$ | $(23,766,954)$ | $(866,701)$ | (3.6\%) | $(14,928,342)$ |
| 2800s Sales of Property \& Equipment | 27,577 | 7,800 | 19,777 | 253.6\% | 103,487 | 43,268 | 60,219 | 139.2\% | 133,600 |
| Total Other Revenues | 3,013,641 | 2,245,555 | 768,086 | 34.2\% | $(11,749,362)$ | $(10,735,300)$ | $(1,014,062)$ | (9.4\%) | 14,034,077 |

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STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Fifth Month Ended November 30, 2017 and 2016
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and 2017
Comparison to Prior Year

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 | 1,926,411 | 1,877,827 | 48,584 | 2.6\% | 19,489,617 | 20,553,732 | $(1,064,115)$ | (5.2\%) |
| 0300s Aeronautical Gas Tax | 24,168 | 23,783 | 385 | 1.6\% | 125,584 | 123,408 | 2,176 | 1.8\% |
| 0400s Alcohol Excise Tax | 1,448,315 | 1,490,435 | $(42,120)$ | (2.8\%) | 9,045,897 | 8,976,912 | 68,985 | $0.8 \%$ |
| 0700s Corporation Taxes | 209,260 | 167,071 | 42,190 | 25.3\% | 1,617,002 | 1,436,251 | 180,751 | 12.6\% |
| 0800s Public Utilities | 365 | 22,157 | $(21,791)$ | (98.4\%) | 3,073 | 22,157 | $(19,084)$ | (86.1\%) |
| 1000s Banking Taxes | 2,785,250 | 2,523,850 | 261,400 | 10.4\% | 11,072,700 | 11,193,050 | $(120,350)$ | (1.1\%) |
| 1100s Alcoholic Beverages | 474,518 | 466,186 | 8,332 | 1.8\% | 2,214,791 | 2,734,455 | $(519,664)$ | (19.0\%) |
| 1200s Amusements Tax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1300s Harness Racing Pari-mutuel | 800,235 | 628,382 | 171,853 | 27.3\% | 3,786,138 | 3,733,407 | 52,731 | 1.4\% |
| 1400s Business Taxes | 409,569 | 604,274 | $(194,705)$ | (32.2\%) | 2,911,271 | 4,275,754 | $(1,364,484)$ | (31.9\%) |
| 1500s Motor Vehicle Licenses | 244,541 | 268,127 | $(23,586)$ | (8.8\%) | 1,630,087 | 1,690,716 | $(60,630)$ | (3.6\%) |
| 1700s Inland Fisheries \& Wildlife | 1,169,769 | 1,089,963 | 79,806 | 7.3\% | 7,249,568 | 7,142,492 | 107,075 | 1.5\% |
| 1900s Other Licenses | 77,312 | 89,288 | $(11,976)$ | (13.4\%) | 205,613 | 201,013 | 4,600 | 2.3\% |
| Total Other Taxes \& Fees | 9,569,713 | 9,251,342 | 318,371 | 3.4\% | 59,351,341 | 62,083,349 | $(2,732,008)$ | (4.4\%) |
| Detail of Other Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2200s Federal Revenues | 8,644 | $(6,870)$ | 15,514 | $225.8 \%$ | 104,664 | 81,181 | 23,483 | 28.9\% |
| 2300s County Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2400s Revenues from Cities and Towns | - | - | - | - | 82,048 | 62,073 | 19,975 | 32.2\% |
| 2500s Revenues from Private Sources | 197,289 | 279,338 | $(82,049)$ | (29.4\%) | 733,082 | 612,556 | 120,526 | 19.7\% |
| 2600s Current Service Charges | 2,386,086 | 1,915,445 | 470,640 | 24.6\% | 11,861,013 | 12,304,195 | $(443,182)$ | (3.6\%) |
| 2700s Transfers from Other Funds | 394,045 | 281,382 | 112,663 | 40.0\% | $(24,633,655)$ | $(23,161,265)$ | $(1,472,390)$ | (6.4\%) |
| 2800s Sales of Property \& Equipment | 27,577 | 58,450 | $(30,873)$ | (52.8\%) | 103,487 | 128,402 | $(24,915)$ | (19.4\%) |
| Total Other Revenues | 3,013,641 | 2,527,745 | 485,896 | 19.2\% | $(11,749,362)$ | $(9,972,860)$ | $(1,776,503)$ | (17.8\%) |

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STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - Highway Fund
For the Fifth Month Ended November 30, 2017
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
Comparison to Budget

## Fuel Taxes

Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees
Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees
Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties
Earnings on Investments
All Other
Total Collected

| Month |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Actual | Budget | Variance <br> Over/(Under) | Percent <br> Over/(Under) |
| $19,939,984$ | $19,669,396$ | 270,588 | $1.4 \%$ |
| $7,749,668$ | $7,573,338$ | 176,330 | $2.3 \%$ |
| 304,624 | 300,200 | 4,424 | $1.5 \%$ |
| 106,497 | 102,280 | 4,217 | $4.1 \%$ |
| 52,482 | 63,271 | $(10,789)$ | $(17.1 \%)$ |
| 22,542 | 49,476 | $(26,934)$ | $(54.4 \%)$ |
| $5,064,899$ | $4,047,986$ | $1,016,913$ | $25.1 \%$ |
| $33,240,696$ | $31,805,947$ | $1,434,749$ | $4.5 \%$ |


| Year to Date |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Budget | Variance Over/(Under) | Percent Over/(Under) | Total Budgeted Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2018 |
| 99,473,824 | 101,866,721 | $(2,392,897)$ | (2.3\%) | 226,821,293 |
| 38,678,431 | 36,967,447 | 1,710,984 | 4.6\% | 87,121,559 |
| 1,238,315 | 1,330,920 | $(92,606)$ | (7.0\%) | 2,982,500 |
| 604,783 | 558,978 | 45,805 | 8.2\% | 1,293,729 |
| 361,624 | 352,489 | 9,135 | 2.6\% | 739,039 |
| 124,831 | 247,380 | $(122,549)$ | (49.5\%) | 593,712 |
| 6,983,444 | 5,885,575 | 1,097,869 | 18.7\% | 10,075,600 |
| 147,465,251 | 147,209,510 | 255,741 | 0.2\% | 329,627,432 |

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STATE OF MAINE
For the Fifth Month Ended November 30, 2017 and 2016
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and 2017
Comparison to Prior Year

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current Year | Prior Year | Variance Over/(Under) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Current Year | Prior Year | Variance Over/(Under) | Percent Over/(Under) |
| Fuel Taxes | 19,939,984 | 18,526,046 | 1,413,938 | 7.6\% | 99,473,824 | 100,463,396 | $(989,571)$ | (1.0\%) |
| Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees | 7,749,668 | 8,143,751 | $(394,083)$ | (4.8\%) | 38,678,431 | 38,343,987 | 334,444 | 0.9\% |
| Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees | 304,624 | 173,544 | 131,080 | 75.5\% | 1,238,315 | 1,181,990 | 56,325 | 4.8\% |
| Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees | 106,497 | 94,122 | 12,375 | 13.1\% | 604,783 | 565,530 | 39,253 | 6.9\% |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 52,482 | 60,392 | $(7,910)$ | (13.1\%) | 361,624 | 348,012 | 13,612 | 3.9\% |
| Earnings on Investments | 22,542 | 27,747 | $(5,205)$ | (18.8\%) | 124,831 | 134,931 | $(10,101)$ | (7.5\%) |
| All Other | 5,064,899 | 3,639,901 | 1,424,999 | 39.1\% | 6,983,444 | 5,459,426 | 1,524,018 | 27.9\% |
| Total Collected | 33,240,696 | 30,665,503 | 2,575,193 | 8.4\% | 147,465,251 | 146,497,272 | 967,979 | 0.7\% |

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Maine Revenue Services
Taxable Sales by Sector
In Thousands of Dollars

|  | October '17 | \% Ch. | October '16 | \% Ch. | October '15 | Average Last 3 Mos. Vs. Last Yr. \% Change | Moving Total Last 12 Mos. Vs. Prior \% Change | YTD Growth CY'17 vs. '16 Thru. October \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Building Supply | \$251,462.7 | 8.5\% | \$231,800.3 | -2.1\% | \$236,771.3 | 7.4\% | 4.2\% | 4.9\% |
| Food Store | \$187,868.9 | 5.5\% | \$178,125.7 | 23.7\% | \$143,974.2 | 2.9\% | 6.3\% | 3.2\% |
| General Merchandise | \$294,791.3 | 6.5\% | \$276,695.6 | 3.0\% | \$268,720.9 | 6.0\% | 5.2\% | 5.3\% |
| Other Retail | \$198,793.2 | -0.1\% | \$198,935.4 | 6.4\% | \$187,034.0 | 1.5\% | 4.5\% | 3.2\% |
| Auto/Transportation | \$402,583.2 | 4.9\% | \$383,638.1 | -4.4\% | \$401,271.2 | 2.0\% | 4.2\% | 4.0\% |
| Restaurant | \$237,783.0 | 4.9\% | \$226,588.1 | 5.0\% | \$215,859.9 | 3.1\% | 3.4\% | 3.2\% |
| Lodging | \$83,331.1 | 6.7\% | \$78,105.3 | 14.0\% | \$68,529.3 | 2.9\% | 6.5\% | 6.3\% |
| Consumer Sales | \$1,656,615.3 | 5.3\% | \$1,573,888.5 | 3.4\% | \$1,522,160.8 | 3.7\% | 4.7\% | 4.2\% |
| Business Operating | \$184,592.7 | 4.1\% | \$177,285.5 | 1.7\% | \$174,400.1 | 0.3\% | 2.5\% | 2.5\% |
| Total | \$1,841,208.0 | 5.1\% | \$1,751,174.0 | 3.2\% | \$1,696,560.9 | 3.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.0\% |
| Utilities | \$105,254.3 | -7.8\% | \$114,122.7 | 3.5\% | \$110,250.4 |  |  |  |
| Total plus Utilities | \$1,946,462.3 | 4.4\% | \$1,865,296.7 | 3.2\% | \$1,806,811.3 |  |  |  |

