

## 2015-17 BIENNIUM GENERAL FUND BUDGET - CURRENT STATUS AND "WHAT IF" SCENARIOS

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET - CURRENT STATUS

The schedule below provides information on the current status of the 2015-17 biennium general fund budget reflecting actual general fund revenue collections for the biennium to date through November 2015, and forecasted general fund revenues for the remainder of the 2015-17 biennium. For July through November 2015, actual ongoing general fund revenue collections were 14.6 percent less than the forecast. If the remaining ongoing general fund revenues match the forecast, the total ongoing revenues for the biennium would be 3.08 percent less than the original budget and the estimated ending general fund balance under the projected biennium budget would be \$179.5 million.

	Actual Revenue Biennium-to- Date Total	Remaining Forecast	Projected Biennium Budget	Original Budget	Variance	
					Amount	Percentage
Beginning balance	\$729,529,389	\$0	<b>\$729,529,389</b>	\$598,664,078	\$130,865,311	21.86%
Ongoing revenues	894,469,458	3,903,635,786	<b>4,798,105,244</b>	4,950,442,696	(152,337,452)	(3.08%)
Transfers	657,572,828	30,557,872	<b>688,130,700</b>	688,065,496	65,204	0.01%
Total	\$2,281,571,675	\$3,934,193,658	<b>\$6,215,765,333</b>	\$6,237,172,270	(\$21,406,937)	(0.34%)
Appropriations <sup>1</sup>			<b>6,036,304,482</b>	6,026,162,678	10,141,804	
Ending balance			<b>\$179,460,851</b>	\$211,009,592	(\$31,548,741)	

<sup>1</sup>The amount shown for the appropriations under the projected biennium budget reflects a decrease of \$9,858,196 for early spending related to emergency clauses and an increase of \$20 million for road projects related to a contingent appropriation to the Department of Transportation, resulting in a \$10,141,804 increase in appropriations compared to the original budget.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET "WHAT IF" SCENARIO - 14.6 PERCENT DECREASE IN ONGOING GENERAL FUND REVENUE

The schedule below provides information on a 2015-17 biennium general fund budget "what if" scenario reflecting ongoing general fund revenue collections at 14.6 percent less than the 2015-17 biennium forecast. For July through November 2015, actual ongoing general fund revenue collections were 14.6 percent less than the forecast. If ongoing general fund revenues continue to be less than forecasted for the remainder of the biennium, the projected total ongoing revenues for the biennium would be \$722.8 million, or 14.6 percent, less than the original budget, and the estimated ending general fund balance under the projected biennium budget would be (\$391 million).

	Actual Revenue Biennium-to- Date Total	Remaining Forecast	Projected Biennium Budget	Original Budget	Variance	
					Amount	Percentage
Beginning balance	\$729,529,389	\$0	<b>\$729,529,389</b>	\$598,664,078	\$130,865,311	21.86%
Ongoing revenues	894,469,458	3,333,208,604	<b>4,227,678,062</b>	4,950,442,696	(722,764,634)	(14.60%)
Transfers	657,572,828	30,557,872	<b>688,130,700</b>	688,065,496	65,204	0.01%
Total	\$2,281,571,675	\$3,363,766,476	<b>\$5,645,338,151</b>	\$6,237,172,270	(\$591,834,119)	(9.49%)
Appropriations <sup>1</sup>			<b>6,036,304,482</b>	6,026,162,678	10,141,804	
Ending balance			<b>(\$390,966,331)</b>	\$211,009,592	(\$601,975,923)	

<sup>1</sup>The amount shown for the appropriations under the projected biennium budget reflects a decrease of \$9,858,196 for early spending related to emergency clauses and an increase of \$20 million for road projects related to a contingent appropriation to the Department of Transportation, resulting in a \$10,141,804 increase in appropriations compared to the original budget.

Since the projected general fund ending balance would be less than \$0, the governor could direct agencies to reduce their budgets (budget allotments), order a transfer from the budget stabilization fund, or both to address the shortfall and maintain a positive ending balance. The 14.6 percent decrease in total ongoing general fund revenues reflects a decrease of \$571 million in the remaining forecasted ongoing general fund revenues, from \$3,904 million to \$3,333 million. Under this scenario, general fund revenue collections, on average, would be \$30 million less than forecasted for each month for the remainder of the biennium.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET "WHAT IF" SCENARIO -  
\$40 MILLION PER MONTH DECREASE IN ONGOING GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

The schedule below provides information on a 2015-17 biennium general fund budget "what if" scenario reflecting ongoing general fund revenue collections at \$40 million per month less than the 2015-17 biennium forecast. Excluding July 2015, actual ongoing general fund revenue collections for the biennium to date averaged \$39.5 million, or 17.9 percent less than the forecast. If ongoing general fund revenues continue to be less than forecasted by \$40 million each month for the remainder of the biennium, the projected total ongoing revenues for the biennium would be \$912.3 million, or 18.43 percent, less than the original budget, and the estimated ending general fund balance under the projected biennium budget would be (\$580.5 million).

	Actual Revenue Biennium-to-Date Total	Remaining Forecast	Projected Biennium Budget	Original Budget	Variance	
					Amount	Percentage
Beginning balance	\$729,529,389	\$0	<b>\$729,529,389</b>	\$598,664,078	\$130,865,311	21.86%
Ongoing revenues	894,469,458	3,143,635,786	<b>4,038,105,244</b>	4,950,442,696	(912,337,452)	(18.43%)
Transfers	657,572,828	30,557,872	<b>688,130,700</b>	688,065,496	65,204	0.01%
Total	\$2,281,571,675	\$3,174,193,658	<b>\$5,455,765,333</b>	\$6,237,172,270	(\$781,406,937)	(12.53%)
Appropriations <sup>1</sup>			<b>6,036,304,482</b>	6,026,162,678	10,141,804	
Ending balance			<b>(\$580,539,149)</b>	\$211,009,592	(\$791,548,741)	

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Since the projected general fund ending balance would be less than \$0, the Governor could direct agencies to reduce their budgets (budget allotments), order a transfer from the budget stabilization fund, or both to address the shortfall and maintain a positive ending balance. The \$40 million per month decrease in ongoing general fund revenues reflects a total decrease of \$760 million in the remaining forecasted ongoing general fund revenues, from \$3,904 million to \$3,144 million.