

FY 2002 State Budget Summary:

The fiscal year began with a General Fund balance of \$184.8 million. This was \$8.1 million less than what had been projected.

The current FY 2002 General Fund revenue estimate is \$111.6 million lower than the April, 2001 estimate.

Actual collections in December, 2001 and January, 2002 were \$36.3 million under the current revenue estimate.

On the expenditure side, \$7.0 million in fund transfers were needed to repay fire suppression and other deficiency warrant expenses; \$6.5 million in reappropriations; and \$6.3 million in supplementals added to last year's General Fund appropriations.

The combined impact of these changes moved the FY 2002 General Fund budget from reflecting a positive balance of \$64.0 million to a negative \$111.8 million balance.

The following actions have been taken to rebalance the FY 2002 General Fund budget:

- SB 1301 rescinds the transfer of \$19.8 million to the Budget Stabilization Fund authorized under Idaho Code 57-814.
- HB 701 transfers \$22.0 million from the Capitol Endowment Income Fund and \$18.0 million from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.
- HB's 452, 511, & 693 transfer \$2.1 million from three other funds.
- SB 1471 reduces departments' General Fund appropriations by \$64.1 million. The reductions range from 2.5% for Public Schools to 4.0% for most state departments.

The result is the FY 2002 General Fund budget is now projected to have a positive balance of \$14.4 million.

The Legislature has authorized the State Board of Examiners to access up to \$80 million from Permanent Building Fund projects should General Fund revenue continue to come in under projections (HB 701). These projects are on hold until after FY 2002 year end closing.