

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Kevin Lembo  
State Comptroller  
55 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Comptroller Lembo:

The following information on the state's General Fund for fiscal year 2015 is provided in accordance with Section 4-66 of the General Statutes. An analysis of the Special Transportation Fund is also included due to the significant nature of the fund. Note that our projections reflect the state's estimated year-end balance from operations in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

### General Fund

The Office of Policy and Management is projecting a \$61.2 million General Fund deficit for Fiscal Year 2015, a decrease of \$59.7 million from last month. This change is largely due to additional revenue from an expected settlement, as explained further below, and the rescissions announced on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fund transfers included in House Bill 6825, the Governor's legislative proposal to address FY 2015 deficiencies, would further reduce the shortfall by \$37.3 million. We continue to work to address the remaining \$23.9 million deficit through administrative actions. It is important to note, however, that April represents a significant month for revenue collections and any deviation from the forecast will impact year-end results.

### Revenues

This month's revenue projection has been revised upward by \$36.0 million in Miscellaneous Revenue due to an expected multi-state settlement payment regarding the ratings on certain securities in the lead-up to the 2008 financial crisis. All other revenue sources remain unchanged and reflect the consensus revenue estimate reached by OPM and the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis on January 15<sup>th</sup> pursuant to Section 2-36c of the General Statutes.

As mentioned above, this revenue forecast anticipates robust Personal Income Tax collections during the month of April. The past two income tax filing seasons have been significantly influenced by changes in federal tax policy. In April 2013, a sizeable windfall was realized when income tax collections rose by 20%. This was followed by a major decline in April 2014, when income tax collections fell by 20%. The volatility of this recent pattern creates some uncertainty as to what constitutes a base level of income tax collections. We are currently forecasting 25% growth in Personal Income Tax receipts over the prior year; each percentage point deviation from the forecast equates to approximately \$13 million.

## Expenditures

Overall, expenditures are projected to be \$0.9 million below the budget plan. Net additional requirements (deficiencies) total \$143.8 million, and \$58.5 million in lapses are projected beyond the budget plan and in addition to the savings resulting from rescissions implemented in November and January.

*Deficiencies.* Shortfalls are forecast in the following agencies:

- Department of Social Services. Inclusive of administrative actions to reduce the deficiency, a net Medicaid shortfall of \$108.0 million is projected due to increased service utilization; unlikelihood of achieving the full savings levels incorporated in the budget for the medication administration, step therapy, and fraud initiatives; additional hospital cost settlements; and revisions to the federal cost share for a small percentage of Medicaid clients who will be reimbursed at 50 percent as opposed to the originally anticipated 100 percent level.
- Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. A total shortfall of \$5.0 million is projected, consisting of \$4.0 million in Personal Services and \$1.0 million in Other Expenses. The revised budget for FY 2015 reduced funding in Personal Services “to reflect the implementation of overtime savings initiatives in the Division of State Police.” Overtime savings of this magnitude are unlikely to be realized. The Other Expenses shortfall is primarily due to increased fuel consumption, after factoring in recent price reductions.
- Department of Correction. A \$3.0 million deficiency is anticipated in Other Expenses as a result of increased utility, food and maintenance costs.
- Public Defenders Services Commission. A total shortfall of \$4.8 million is projected. Of this, \$3.9 million is in the Assigned Counsel – Criminal account due to an increased number of habeas corpus petitions following passage of P.A. 12-115, which places time limitations on filing such petitions. The Expert Witnesses account will have a projected \$0.9 million shortfall due both to P.A. 12-115 as well as a Connecticut Supreme Court decision requiring the agency to pay for reasonably necessary expert witnesses when requested by pro se indigent defendants in criminal cases.
- Comptroller – Fringe Benefits. A \$15.0 million shortfall in the Retired Employee Health Service account is anticipated due to claims costs that are trending above budgeted levels. Note that this sum is net of lapses anticipated in several other fringe benefit accounts.
- Comptroller – Miscellaneous. An \$8.0 million deficiency is anticipated in the Adjudicated Claims account, including the proposed settlement for a wrongfully convicted individual.

*Lapses.* Lapses beyond holdbacks and rescissions are forecast in the following agencies:

- Legislative Branch. A total of \$4 million in the Office of Legislative Management’s Personal Services and Other Expenses accounts and \$0.4 million in the Auditors of Public Accounts’ Personal Services account. These projected lapses will more than satisfy the branch’s unallocated lapse target for the fiscal year.

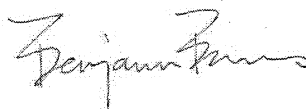
- Treasurer – Debt Service. \$68.0 million in savings from actual and anticipated bond sales.
- Office of Policy and Management. \$3.0 million in the Tax Relief for Elderly Renters account due to fewer applications than the level assumed in the adopted budget.
- Department of Consumer Protection. \$0.3 million in Personal Services due to vacancies.
- Department of Labor. A total of \$1.0 million, with \$0.3 million in the Veterans' Opportunity Pilot account due to delays in hiring and \$0.7 million in Opportunities for the Long Term Unemployed due to startup delays.
- Department of Public Health. \$0.8 million in Personal Services due to the hiring restrictions imposed in November.
- Office of Early Childhood. \$2.4 million in various accounts due to vacancies and slower rollout of the new school readiness program than assumed in the budget.
- Teachers' Retirement Board. \$1.1 million due to lower than anticipated retiree health care costs.
- Department of Children and Families. A net \$2.2 million as a result of delays in the development of new programs and updated caseload projections.
- Budgeted lapses. We project that \$14.7 million of the \$94.7 million Unallocated Lapse target for the Legislative and Executive branches has been achieved. Additionally, our forecast no longer includes savings from the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies lapse; instead, HB 6825 would transfer \$12.7 million from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account to the resources of the General Fund in satisfaction of this lapse and to help address the projected FY 2015 deficit.

### **Special Transportation Fund**

A \$5.7 million operating deficit is projected. Revenues continue to reflect the consensus estimate reached between OPM and OFA in January. Expenditures reflect a \$20.0 million shortfall in the Department of Transportation's Rail Operations account related to operational costs associated with Metro North Railroad, and a \$3.0 million shortfall in active employees' health care costs. The fund balance on June 30, 2015 is estimated to be \$163.3 million.

As always, it is important to note that while this is the best forecast that can be made at this time, estimates may need to be adjusted as the year progresses to reflect changes in the economy, expenditure patterns, and/or other factors.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Barnes  
Secretary

Summary  
February 20, 2015

State of Connecticut  
Summary of Changes  
General Fund and Special Transportation Fund  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015  
(In Millions)

**General Fund**

Balance from Operations - Prior Month		\$	(120.9)
Revenues			
Miscellaneous	36.0		36.0
Expenditures			
Additional Requirements	5.9		
Estimated Lapses	17.8		
Miscellaneous Adjustments/Rounding	0.0		23.7
Estimated Balance from Operations - June 30, 2015		\$	<u>(61.2)</u>

**Special Transportation Fund**

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$	169.0
Balance from Operations - Prior Month			(1.5)
Revenues			
No changes	0.0		0.0
Expenditures			
Additional Requirements	(3.0)		
Estimated Lapses	0.0		
Miscellaneous Adjustments/Rounding	(1.2)		(4.2)
Estimated Fund Balance - June 30, 2015		\$	<u>163.3</u>

State of Connecticut  
General Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Results of Operations  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015  
(In Millions)

	General Assembly Budget Plan <sup>1</sup>	Revised Estimates OPM	Over/ (Under)
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Taxes	\$ 16,147.2	\$ 16,137.2	\$ (10.0)
Less: Refunds	(1,232.6)	(1,242.6)	(10.0)
Taxes - Net	\$ 14,914.6	\$ 14,894.6	\$ (20.0)
Other Revenue	1,109.3	1,146.8	37.5
Other Sources	1,434.1	1,354.2	(79.9)
<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 17,458.0</b>	<b>\$ 17,395.6</b>	<b>\$ (62.5)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Initial Current Year Appropriations	\$ 17,589.8	\$ 17,589.8	\$ -
Prior Year Appropriations Continued to FY 2015 <sup>2</sup>		85.9	85.9
<b>TOTAL Initial and Continued Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 17,589.8</b>	<b>\$ 17,675.7</b>	<b>\$ 85.9</b>
Appropriation Adjustments	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL Adjusted Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 17,589.8</b>	<b>\$ 17,675.7</b>	<b>\$ 85.9</b>
Net Additional Expenditure Requirements		143.8	143.8
Estimated Appropriations Lapsed	(132.1)	(276.8)	(144.7)
Estimated Appropriations to be Continued to FY 2016		-	-
<b>TOTAL Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 17,457.7</b>	<b>\$ 17,542.7</b>	<b>\$ 85.0</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances - Continuing Appropriations	-	(85.9)	(85.9)
Miscellaneous Adjustments/Rounding	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Unassigned Fund Balance - 6/30/2015</b>	<b>\$ 0.3</b>	<b>\$ (61.2)</b>	<b>\$ (61.6)</b>

1. P.A. 14-47, as amended by P.A. 14-217.

2. P.A. 14-47, as amended by P.A. 14-217, and other statutory provisions.

State of Connecticut  
General Fund  
Revenue Estimates  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015  
(In Millions)

	General Assembly <u>Budget Plan</u>	Revised Estimates <u>OPM</u>	Over/ <u>(Under)</u>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Personal Income	\$ 9,264.5	\$ 9,264.5	\$ -
Sales and Use	4,167.4	4,226.2	58.8
Corporation	704.3	734.3	30.0
Public Service Corporations	295.6	299.1	3.5
Inheritance and Estate	173.0	173.0	-
Insurance Companies	256.2	256.2	-
Cigarettes	360.9	354.4	(6.5)
Real Estate Conveyance	186.9	186.9	-
Oil Companies	34.8	-	(34.8)
Alcoholic Beverages	60.7	60.7	-
Admissions and Dues	38.3	38.3	-
Health Provider Tax	509.5	478.1	(31.4)
Miscellaneous	95.2	65.5	(29.7)
<b>TOTAL - TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 16,147.2</b>	<b>\$ 16,137.2</b>	<b>\$ (10.0)</b>
Less: Refunds of Taxes	(1,105.1)	(1,115.1)	(10.0)
Earned Income Tax Credit	(120.7)	(120.7)	-
R & D Credit Exchange	(6.8)	(6.8)	-
<b>TOTAL - TAXES - NET</b>	<b>\$ 14,914.6</b>	<b>\$ 14,894.6</b>	<b>\$ (20.0)</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>			
Transfers - Special Revenue	\$ 323.1	\$ 325.1	\$ 2.0
Indian Gaming Payments	278.5	267.5	(11.0)
Licenses, Permits, Fees	256.2	266.7	10.5
Sales of Commodities and Services	43.5	43.5	-
Rents, Fines, Escheats	118.4	118.4	-
Investment Income	0.6	0.6	-
Miscellaneous	161.9	197.9	36.0
Refunds of Payments	(72.9)	(72.9)	-
<b>TOTAL - OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,109.3</b>	<b>\$ 1,146.8</b>	<b>\$ 37.5</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES</b>			
Federal Grants	\$ 1,299.6	\$ 1,238.4	\$ (61.2)
Transfer from Tobacco Settlement Fund	120.0	120.0	0.0
Transfers to Other Funds	14.6	14.6	0.0
Transfers to the Resources of the Special Trans. Fund	-	(18.8)	(18.8)
<b>TOTAL - OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,434.1</b>	<b>\$ 1,354.2</b>	<b>\$ (79.9)</b>
<b>TOTAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 17,458.0</b>	<b>\$ 17,395.6</b>	<b>\$ (62.5)</b>

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State of Connecticut - General Fund  
Appropriation Adjustments - Net Additional Requirements  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
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Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	5,000,000
Department of Social Services	108,000,000
Department of Correction	3,000,000
Public Defenders Services Commission	4,800,000
Comptroller – Miscellaneous	8,000,000
Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	15,000,000
Total	<u>\$ 143,800,000</u>

Statement 4  
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State of Connecticut  
General Fund  
Estimated Lapses  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015

Unallocated Lapse	\$ 80,000,000
Unallocated Lapse - Legislative	-
Unallocated Lapse - Judicial	7,400,672
General Lapse - Legislative	39,492
General Lapse - Executive	9,678,316
General Lapse - Judicial	282,192
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Legislative	280,000
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Executive	8,060,000
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Judicial	1,660,000
Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Lapse	-
November 20, 2014 Rescissions	54,717,508
January 23, 2015 Rescissions	31,489,427
Office of Legislative Management	4,000,000
Auditors of Public Accounts	400,000
Office of Policy and Management	3,000,000
Department of Consumer Protection	300,000
Department of Labor	1,000,000
Department of Public Health	800,000
Office of Early Childhood	2,400,000
Teachers Retirement Board	1,100,000
Department of Children and Families	2,200,000
OTT - Debt Service	68,000,000
Total	<u>\$ 276,807,607</u>



State of Connecticut  
2014-15 General Fund  
Summary of Operations Per Letter to the Comptroller  
(In Millions)

	Budget Plan 1	July 2014	August 2014	September 2014	October 2014	November 2014	December 2014	January 2015	February 2015	March 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
REVENUE	\$17,458.0	\$17,458.0	\$17,458.0	\$17,458.0	\$17,458.0	\$17,398.9	\$17,398.9	\$17,359.6	\$17,395.6				
Appropriations	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8	17,589.8				
Additional Requirements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	99.7	149.7	143.8				
Less: Estimated Lapses	(132.1)	(132.1)	(132.1)	(132.1)	(132.1)	(186.8)	(259.0)	(259.0)	(276.8)				
TOTAL - Estimated Expenditures	17,457.7	17,457.7	17,457.7	17,457.7	17,457.7	17,443.7	17,430.5	17,480.5	17,456.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance from Operations	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	(44.8)	(31.6)	(120.9)	(61.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Misc. Adjustments/Rounding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Est. Balance from Operations - 6/30/15	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.3	(\$44.8)	(\$31.6)	(\$120.9)	(\$61.2)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

1. P.A. 14-47, as amended by P.A. 14-217.

State of Connecticut  
Special Transportation Fund  
Analysis of Budget Plan  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015  
(In Millions)

	General Assembly <u>Budget Plan</u> <sup>1</sup>	Revised Estimates <u>OPM</u>	Over/ <u>(Under)</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 168.8	\$ 169.0	\$ 0.2
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Taxes	\$ 965.5	\$ 949.7	\$ (15.8)
Less: Refunds of Taxes	<u>(6.6)</u>	<u>(7.1)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>
Taxes - Net	958.9	942.6	(16.3)
Other Revenue	<u>369.4</u>	<u>396.5</u>	<u>27.1</u>
TOTAL - Revenue	\$ 1,328.3	\$ 1,339.1	\$ 10.8
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Appropriations	\$ 1,332.6	\$ 1,332.6	\$ -
Net Additional Requirements	-	23.0	23.0
Less: Estimated Lapses	<u>(11.0)</u>	<u>(12.0)</u>	<u>(1.0)</u>
TOTAL - Expenditures	\$ 1,321.6	\$ 1,343.6	\$ 22.0
Balance from Operations	\$ 6.7	\$ (4.5)	\$ (11.2)
Miscellaneous Adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>(1.2)</u>	<u>(1.2)</u>
Estimated Fund Balance - June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 175.5</u>	<u>\$ 163.3</u>	<u>\$ (12.2)</u>

1. P.A. 14-47, as amended by P.A. 14-217.

2. Budget plan as estimated by the Office of Policy and Management. Revised estimates per the Comptroller's September 30, 2014 letter.

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State of Connecticut  
Special Transportation Fund  
Revenue Estimates  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
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	<u>General Assembly Budget Plan</u>	<u>Revised Estimates OPM</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Motor Fuels	\$ 503.8	\$ 506.3	\$ 2.5
Oil Companies	379.1	360.3	(18.8)
Sales Tax DMV	82.6	83.1	0.5
<b>TOTAL - TAXES</b>	<u>965.5</u>	<u>949.7</u>	<u>(15.8)</u>
Less: Refunds of Taxes	(6.6)	(7.1)	(0.5)
<b>TOTAL - TAXES - NET</b>	<u>\$ 958.9</u>	<u>\$ 942.6</u>	<u>\$ (16.3)</u>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>			
Motor Vehicle Receipts	\$ 238.1	\$ 244.6	\$ 6.5
Licenses, Permits, Fees	138.9	138.8	(0.1)
Interest Income	5.0	7.3	2.3
Federal Grants	12.1	12.1	-
Transfers (To)/From Other Funds	(21.5)	(21.5)	-
Transfers From the General Fund	-	18.8	18.8
Refunds of Payments	(3.2)	(3.6)	(0.4)
<b>TOTAL - OTHER REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 369.4</u>	<u>\$ 396.5</u>	<u>\$ 27.1</u>
<b>TOTAL - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,328.3</b>	<b>\$ 1,339.1</b>	<b>\$ 10.8</b>

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State of Connecticut  
Special Transportation Fund  
Appropriation Adjustments - Net Additional Requirements  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015

Department of Transportation	20,000,000
OSC - Fringe Benefits	3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$23,000,000</u></u></b>

Statement 4T  
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State of Connecticut  
Special Transportation Fund  
Estimated Lapses  
Projected to June 30, 2015  
As of January 31, 2015

OTT - Debt Service	\$ 12,000,000
Total	<u><u>\$ 12,000,000</u></u>

State of Connecticut  
2014-15 Special Transportation Fund  
Summary of Operations Per Letter to the Comptroller  
(In Millions)

	Budget Plan <sup>1</sup>	July 2014	August 2014	September 2014	October 2014	November 2014	December 2014	January 2015	February 2015	March 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
Beginning Balance <sup>2</sup>	\$ 168.8	\$ 168.8	\$ 173.5	\$ 169.0	\$ 169.0	\$ 169.0	\$ 169.0	\$ 169.0	\$ 169.0				
Revenue	1,328.3	1,328.3	1,330.5	1,330.5	1,330.5	1,335.4	1,335.4	1,339.1	1,339.1				
Total Available	1,497.1	1,497.1	1,504.0	1,499.5	1,499.5	1,504.4	1,504.4	1,508.1	1,508.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Appropriations	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6	1,332.6				
Additional Requirements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	23.0				
Less: Estimated Lapses	(11.0)	(11.0)	(11.0)	(11.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)				
TOTAL - Estimated Expenditures	1,321.6	1,321.6	1,321.6	1,321.6	1,320.6	1,320.6	1,340.6	1,340.6	1,343.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance from Operations	6.7	6.7	8.9	8.9	9.9	14.8	(5.2)	(1.5)	(4.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Misc. Adjustments/Rounding	0.0	0.0	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Estimated Balance 6/30/15	\$175.5	\$175.5	\$181.2	\$176.7	\$177.7	\$182.6	\$162.6	\$166.3	\$163.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

1. P. A. 14-47, as amended by P. A. 14-217.

2. Budget Plan and the month of July as estimated by the Office of Policy and Management. August per the Comptroller's September 2, 2014 letter. September and thereafter per the Comptroller's September 30, 2014 letter.