1	House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9
2	INTRODUCED BY Harring Com anduson (Martin
3	Bol Bows BY REQUEST OF THE REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTER
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7	BALANCED BUDGET AS MANDATED BY ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 9, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; ACCEPTING THE JUNE 30, 1994,
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15	WHEREAS, Article VIII, section 9, of the Montana Constitution prohibits the Legislature from appropriating funds in excess of the
16	anticipated revenue of the state; and
17	WHEREAS, section 5-18-107(5), MCA, requires the Revenue Oversight Committee to estimate the amount of revenue projected to be
18	available for legislative appropriation and to introduce legislation setting forth the Committee's current revenue estimate for the biennium; and
19	WHEREAS, section 5-12-302(6), MCA, requires the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst to assist the Revenue Oversight Committee in its
20	revenue estimating duties; and
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6	WHEREAS, the revenue estimates contained in this resolution provide the basis for a comprehensive analysis of the state's financial
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9	people may attend and participate.
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11	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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GENERAL FUND AND STATE EQUALIZATION AID ACCOUNT REVENUE

The projections for total general fund and state equalization aid account revenue during the 1996-97 biennium are based on an assumption



audited state financial statements as of June 30, 1994.

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The revenue estimates contained in the following tables are based on the assumptions stated previously in this resolution and those listed in the following tables.

4		ECONOMI	C ASSUMPTIONS			
5		Revenue O	versight Committee			
6			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
7	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
8	Montan	a Population & Employment				
9		Population July 1 (Millions)	0.846	0.852	0.858	0.864
10		Population > = 16 July 1 (Millions)	0.638	0.642	0.647	0.651
11		Population 18-24 July 1 (Millions)	0.079	0.081	0.082	0.082
12	CY	Nonfarm Employment (Thousands)	333.400	340.400	347.600	354.300
13	Montar	a Income				
14	CY	Total Personal Income (Millions)	\$15,560.485	\$16,391.222	\$17,175.693	\$18,038.229
15	CY	Net Farm Income (Millions)	\$537.886	\$545.061	\$579.065	\$582.913
16	CY	Disposable Personal Income (Millions)	\$13,638.308	\$14,366.141	\$15,053.426	\$15,809.091
17	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Income (Millions)	\$7,391.453	\$7,799.040	\$8,244.573	\$8,694.209
18	Montar	na Individual Income Tax				
19	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Growth (Percent Change)	5.27%	4.93%	5.11%	4.88%
20	CY	Interest & Dividend Growth (Percent Change)	2.17%	8.45%	5.54%	3.68%
21	CY	Net Business Income (Percent Change)	6.90%	1.80%	2.00%	2.10%



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2	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Capital Gains/Losses Income (Percent Change)	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%
4	CY	Rent/Royalty/Partnership Income (Percent Change)	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
5	CY	All Other Income (Percent Change)	5.18%	5.55%	7.16%	6.50%
6	FY	Individual Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$20.241	\$18.000	\$18.000	\$18.000
7	Montai	na Corporate Income Tax				
8	CY	US Corporate Profits Before Taxes (Billions)	\$495.700	\$520.000	\$545.500	\$572.200
9	CY	MT Corporate Taxable Income (Millions)	\$1,002.137	\$1,060.858	\$1,125.013	\$1,203.068
10	FY	Corporate Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$7.547	\$7.500	\$7.500	\$7.500
11	Inflatio	n & Interest Rates				
12	CY	Consumer Price Index (Percent Change)	2.63%	3.30%	3.52%	3.53%
13	CY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	4.41%	5.18%	5.44%	5.80%
14	CY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.75%	8.02%	7.96%	7.81%
15	FY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	3.68%	4.73%	5.29%	5.59%
16	FY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.38%	7.86%	8.00%	7.90%
17	FY	TCA Blended Interest Rate (Percent)	3.79%	4.95%	5.45%	5.72%
18	FY	TRANS Interest Spread (Percent)	0.61%	0.87%	1.04%	1.13%
19	FY	Treasury Cash Average Balance (Millions)	\$310.571	\$300.695	\$286.075	\$274.016
20	FY	TRANS Issue Size (Millions)	\$88.900	\$70.100	\$70.100	\$70.100
21	FY	Permanent Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.478	\$2.239	\$1.120	\$0.560



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Year	Assumption	1994	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
FY	Common School Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.327	\$2.163	\$1.082	\$0.541
FY	Resource Indemnity Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$1.122	\$0.561	\$0.281	\$0.141
FY	Parks Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
FY	Arts Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.081	\$0.041	\$0.021	\$0.011
Natura	Resource Tax				
CY	Total Oil Production (Million bbls.)	16.825	15.780	15.016	14.313
CY	Severance Tax Oil Production (Million bbls.)	15.738	14.968	14.248	13.575
CY	Montana Oil Price (Per bbl.)	\$13.380	\$14.238	\$14.891	\$16.271
CY	Total Coal Production (Million tons)	37.920	38.657	37.964	34.955
CY	Montana Coal Price (CSP per ton)	\$7.792	\$7.830	\$7.817	\$7.658
FY	Coal Tax Credits (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
CY	Total Natural Gas Production (MMCF)	51.557	52.114	52.643	53.145
CY	Montana Natural Gas Price (\$ / MCF)	\$1.591	\$1.627	\$1.680	\$1.734
CY	Total Liquid Gas Production (Million gallons)	6.793	6.866	6.936	7.002
CY	Montana Liquid Gas Price (\$ / Gallon)	\$0.225	\$0.230	\$0.238	\$0.246
CY	Copper Production (Million Ibs.)	108.213	114.135	99.185	100.289
CY	Silver Production (Million ozs.)	2.143	2.206	2.266	2.291
CY	Gold Production (Million ozs.)	0.407	0.457	0.427	0.432
CY	Lead Production (Million lbs.)	8.770	8.770	8.951	9.051
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2	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Zinc Production (Million lbs.)	20.716	20.716	21.069	21.303
4	CY	Molybdenum Production (Million lbs.)	8.100	9.600	10.300	10.415
5	CY	Palladium Production (Million ozs.)	0.205	0.213	0.218	0.220
6	CY	Platinum Production (Million ozs.)	0.063	0.066	0.063	0.064
7	CY	Nickel Production (Million Ibs.)	0.237	0.303	0.345	0.349
8	CY	Rhodium Production (Million ozs.)	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
9	CY	Copper Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643
10	CY	Silver Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765
11	CY	Gold Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443
12	CY	Lead Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190
13	CY	Zinc Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430
14	CY	Molybdenum Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045
15	CY	Palladium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586
16	CY	Platinum Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210
17	CY	Nickel Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148
18	CY	Rhodium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561
19	CY	Total Metal Value (Millions)	\$299.302	\$326.616	\$308.021	\$311.447
20	FY	Total Federal Forest Receipts (Millions)	\$55.420	\$57.914	\$48.510	\$47.562
21	Proper	ty Value				



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2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Total Statewide Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,707.993	\$1,763.019	\$1,814.833	\$1,869.654
4	FY	Net/Gross Proceeds Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$15.927	\$13.623	\$12.913	\$13.738
5	FY	All Other Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,692.066	\$1,749.397	\$1,801.919	\$1,855.917
6	FY	Statewide Vehicle Valuation (Millions)	\$2,645.436	\$2,776.294	\$2,896.293	\$3,005.822
7	Consu	mption Tax				
8	FY	Liquor Unit Sales (Millions)	\$4.868	\$4.771	\$4.675	\$4.582
9	FY	Wine Unit Sales (Millions)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
10	FY	Liquor Cost Per Unit	\$10.060	\$10.359	\$10.712	\$11.090
11	FY	Wine Cost Per Unit	\$10.917	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
12	FY	Liquor Net Sales (Millions)	\$38.672	\$38.612	\$39.139	\$39.717
13	FY	Liquor Operations Budget (Millions)	\$7.058	\$7.058	\$6.232	\$6.356
14	FY	Beer Barrels (Millions)	0.755	0.766	0.773	0.773
15	FY	Wine Liters (Millions)	4.746	4.578	4.416	4.259
16	FY	Cigarette Packs (Millions)	70.757	69.800	68.936	68.407
17	FY	Tobacco Value (Millions)	\$10.631	\$11.443	\$12.306	\$13.225
18	FY	Gallons of Gasoline (Millions)	476.695	479.951	484.706	488.502
19	FY	Gallons of Diesel (Millions)	162.110	165.760	170.915	176,335
20	FY	Video Machine Net Income (Millions)	\$199.524	\$219.830	\$239.887	\$262.852
21	FY	Total Lottery Sales (Millions)	\$37.483	\$38.169	\$38.867	\$39.575



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2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Insurance Premiums Growth (Percent Change)	7.74%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
4	FY	Insurance Premiums Tax Credit (Millions)	\$4.053	\$3.007	\$2.463	\$2.463
5	FY	Police & Firefighter Retirement (Millions)	\$8.752	\$9.430	\$10.420	\$11.014
6	CY	Telephone Taxable Income (Millions)	\$224.112	\$226.802	\$229.523	\$232.966
7	CY	Kilowatt-Hours Produced (Millions)	21,730.433	21,995.656	22,451.941	22,535.002
8	Other					
9	FY	Medicaid Reimbursements (Millions)	\$12.728	\$13.120	\$14.065	\$14.507
10	FY	MDC Debt Service (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	(\$0.477)	(\$1.089)
11			Current Law			
12		General	Fund Revenue Estimates			
13			(In Millions)			
14				Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
15	Source	of Revenue		FY 1995	FY 1996	<u>FY 1997</u>
16	Individ	ual Income Tax		\$338.062	\$358.453	\$374.788
17	Corpor	ration License Tax		59.303	62.477	66:079
18	Coal S	everance Tax		6.883	6.903	6.519
19	Oil Sev	verance Tax		10.984	10.632	10.827
20	Interes	et on Investments		14.884	15.591	15.668
21	Long-F	Range Bond Excess		48.612	50.910	52.909



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2	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Coal Trust Interest Income	35.536	35.532	35.881
4	Insurance Premiums Tax	24.087	25.108	26.040
5	Public Institutions Reimbursement	15.881	16.449	16.359
6	Liquor Profits	3.261	4.235	4.271
7	Liquor Excise Tax	6.275	6.360	6.452
8	Inheritance Tax	11.176	11.500	11.804
9	Metal Mines Tax	2.984	3.266	3.080
10	Electrical Energy Tax	4.076	4.146	4.196
11	Driver's License Tax	2.138	2.149	2.165
12	Telephone License Tax	4.023	4.072	4.127
13	Beer License Tax	1.380	1.391	1.391
14	Natural Gas Severance Tax	1.465	1.531	1.634
15	Railroad Car Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
16	Wine Tax	0.733	0.707	0.681
17	Video Gaming Income Tax	10.991	11.994	13.143
18	Motor Vehicle Account	9.980	10.246	10.520
19	Vehicle Fees	3.887	4.055	4.208
20	Public Contractor's Tax	0.967	1.067	1.011
21	Other Revenue Sources	24.653	16.065	16.770



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2	Source of Revenue	<u>FY 1995</u>	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Grand Total	\$642.221	\$664.839	\$690.523
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10	Individual Income Tax	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
11	Corporation License Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
12	Coal Severance Tax	5.098	5.114	4.829
13	Coal Tax Trust Interest	6.271	6.270	6.332
14	Interest & Income	40.796	39.755	41.515
15	US Oil & Gas Royalties	23.165	23.787	23.209
16	Education Trust Interest	0.166	0.106	0.069
17	State Equalization Aid Account Interest	0.095	0.095	0.095
18	County Revenue	127.231	129.349	132.659
19	Statewide 40 Mills	79.792	82.078	84.469
20	Lottery	8.678	8.842	9.005
21	Miscellaneous	1.000	0.345	0.179



1		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	<u>FY 1995</u>	<u>FY 1996</u>	FY 1997
3	County Levy Surplus	0.000	0.000	0.000
4	Total State	\$292.292	\$295.741	\$302.361
5	Statewide Taxable Valuation	\$1,763.019	\$1,814.833	\$1,869.654
6	County Revenue			
7	Statewide 55 Mills	\$97.088	\$99.931	\$102.953
8	Elementary Transportation	0.000	0.000	0.000
9	Cash Reappropriated	0.000	0.000	0.000
10	Forest Funds	2.725	2.283	2.238
11	Taylor Grazing	0.147	0.146	0.146
12	Miscellaneous	28.237	27.956	28.290
13	High School Tuition	(0.968)	(0.968)	(0.968)
14	Other Adjustments	0.000	0.000	0.000
15	Total County (Totals Included in State Revenue)	\$127.229	\$129.348	\$132.659
16	Total General Fund/School Equalization Aid Account	\$934.513	\$960.580	\$992.884
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning use the revenue estimates (and the underlying assumptions) contained in this resolution as the official revenue estimates for fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97.

GENERAL FUND AND STATE EQUALIZATION AID ACCOUNT REVENUE

The projections for total general fund and state equalization aid account revenue during the 1996-97 biennium are based on an assumption



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1 of a continuation of Montana law as it existed on January 1, 1995.

The revenue estimates contained in the following tables are based on the assumptions stated previously in this resolution and those listed in the following tables.

4		ECONOMIC	ASSUMPTIONS			
5		Revenue Ove	ersight Committee			
6			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
7	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
8	Montan	a Population & Employment				
9		Population July 1 (Millions)	0.846	0.852	0.858	0.864
10		Population > = 16 July 1 (Millions)	0.638	0.642	0.647	0.651
11		Population 18-24 July 1 (Millions)	0.079	0.081	0.082	0.082
12	CY	Nonfarm Employment (Thousands)	333.400	340.400	347.600	354.300
13	Montan	a Income				
14	CY	Total Personal Income (Millions)	\$15,560.485	\$16,391.222	\$17,175.693	\$18,038.229
15	CY	Net Farm Income (Millions)	\$537.886	\$545.061	\$579.065	\$582.913
16	CY	Disposable Personal Income (Millions)	\$13,638.308	\$14,366.141	\$15,053.426	\$15,809.091
17	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Income (Millions)	\$7,391.453	\$7,799.040	\$8,244.573	\$8,694.209
18	Montan	a Individual Income Tax				
19	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Growth (Percent Change)	5.27%	4.93%	5.11%	4.88%
20	CY	Interest & Dividend Growth (Percent Change)	2.17%	8.45%	5.54%	3.68%
21	CY	Net Business Income (Percent Change)	6.90%	1.80%	2.00%	2.10%



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Capital Gains/Losses Income (Percent Change)	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%
4	CY	Rent/Royalty/Partnership Income (Percent Change)	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
5	CY	All Other Income (Percent Change)	5.18%	5.55%	7.16%	6.50%
6	FY	Individual Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$20.241	\$18.000	\$18.000	\$18.000
7	Montar	na Corporate Income Tax	•			
8	CY	US Corporate Profits Before Taxes (Billions)	\$495.700	\$520.000	\$545.500	\$572.200
9	CY	MT Corporate Taxable Income (Millions)	\$1,002.137	\$1,060.858	\$1,125.013	\$1,203.068
10	FY	Corporate Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$7.547	\$7.500	\$7.500	\$7.500
11	Inflatio	n & Interest Rates				
12	CY	Consumer Price Index (Percent Change)	2.63%	3.30%	3.52%	3.53%
13	CY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	4.41%	5.18%	5.44%	5.80%
14	CY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.75%	8.02%	7.96%	7.81%
15	FY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	3.68%	4.73%	5.29%	5.59%
16	FY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.38%	7.86%	8.00%	7.90%
17	FY	TCA Blended Interest Rate (Percent)	3.79%	4.95%	5.45%	5.72%
18	FY	TRANS Interest Spread (Percent)	0.61%	0.87%	1.04%	1.13%
19	FY	Treasury Cash Average Balance (Millions)	\$310.571	\$300.695	\$286.075	\$274.016
20	FY	TRANS Issue Size (Millions)	\$88.900	\$70.100	\$70.100	\$70.100
21	FY	Permanent Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.478	\$2.239	\$1.120	\$0.560



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Common School Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.327	\$2.163	\$1.082	\$0.541
4	FY	Resource Indemnity Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$1.122	\$0.561	\$0.281	\$0.141
5	FY	Parks Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
6	FY	Arts Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.081	\$0.041	\$0.021	\$0.011
7	Natura	l Resource Tax				
8	CY	Total Oil Production (Million bbls.)	16.825	15.780	15.016	14.313
9	CY	Severance Tax Oil Production (Million bbls.)	15.738	14.968	14.248	13.575
10	CY	Montana Oil Price (Per bbl.)	\$13.380	\$14.238	\$14.891	\$16.271
11	CY	Total Coal Production (Million tons)	37.920	38.657	37.964	34.955
12	CY	Montana Coal Price (CSP per ton)	\$7.792	\$7.830	\$7.817	\$7.658
13	FY	Coal Tax Credits (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
14	CY	Total Natural Gas Production (MMCF)	51.557	52.114	52.643	53.145
15	CY	Montana Natural Gas Price (\$ / MCF)	\$1.591	\$1.627	\$1.680	\$1.734
16	CY	Total Liquid Gas Production (Million gallons)	6.793	6.866	6.936	7.002
17	CY	Montana Liquid Gas Price (\$ / Gallon)	\$0.225	\$0.230	\$0.238	\$0.246
18	CY	Copper Production (Million lbs.)	108.213	114.135	99.185	100.289
19	CY	Silver Production (Million azs.)	2.143	2.206	2.266	2.291
20	CY	Gold Production (Million ozs.)	0.407	0.457	0.427	0.432
21	CY	Lead Production (Million lbs.)	8.770	8.770	8.951	9.051



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1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Zinc Production (Million lbs.)	20.716	20.716	21.069	21.303
4	CY	Molybdenum Production (Million lbs.)	8.100	9.600	10.300	10.415
5	CY	Palladium Production (Million ozs.)	0.205	0.213	0.218	0.220
6	CY	Platinum Production (Million ozs.)	0.063	0.066	0.063	0.064
7	CY	Nickel Production (Million lbs.)	0.237	0.303	0.345	0.349
8	CY	Rhodium Production (Million ozs.)	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
9	CY	Copper Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643
10	CY	Silver Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765
11	CY	Gold Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443
12	CY	Lead Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190
13	CY	Zinc Price (\$ / Ibs.)	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430
14	CY	Molybdenum Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045
15	CY	Palladium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586
16	CY	Platinum Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210
17	CY	Nickel Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148
18	CY	Rhodium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561
19	CY	Total Metal Value (Millions)	\$299.302	\$326.616	\$308.021	\$311.447
20	FY	Total Federal Forest Receipts (Millions)	\$55.420	\$57.914	\$48.510	\$47.562
21	Proper	ty Value				



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1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Total Statewide Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,707.993	\$1,763.019	\$1,814.833	\$1,869.654
4	FY	Net/Gross Proceeds Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$15.927	\$13.623	\$12.913	\$13.738
5	FY	All Other Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,692.066	\$1,749.397	\$1,801.919	\$1,855.917
6	FY	Statewide Vehicle Valuation (Millions)	\$2,645.436	\$2,776.294	\$2,896.293	\$3,005.822
7	Consu	mption Tax				
8	FY	Liquor Unit Sales (Millions)	\$4.868	\$4.771	\$4.675	\$4.582
9	FY	Wine Unit Sales (Millions)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
10	FY	Liquor Cost Per Unit	\$10.060	\$10.359	\$10.712	\$11.090
11	FY	Wine Cost Per Unit	\$10.917	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
12	FY	Liquor Net Sales (Millions)	\$38.672	\$38.612	\$39.139	\$39.717
13	FY	Liquor Operations Budget (Millions)	\$7.058	\$7.058	\$6.232	\$6.356
14	FY	Beer Barrels (Millions)	0.755	0.766	0.773	0.773
15	FY	Wine Liters (Millions)	4.746	4.578	4.416	4.259
16	FY	Cigarette Packs (Millions)	70.757	69.800	68.936	68.407
17	FY	Tobacco Value (Millions)	\$10.631	\$11.443	\$12.306	\$13.225
18	FY	Gallons of Gasoline (Millions)	476.695	479.951	484.706	488.502
19	FY	Gallons of Diesel (Millions)	162.110	165.760	170.915	176.335
20	FY	Video Machine Net Income (Millions)	\$199.524	\$219.830	\$239.887	\$262.852
21	FY	Total Lottery Sales (Millions)	\$37.483	\$38.169	\$38.867	\$39.575



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2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Insurance Premiums Growth (Percent Change)	7.74%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
4	FY	Insurance Premiums Tax Credit (Millions)	\$4.053	\$3.007	\$2.463	\$2.463
5	FY	Police & Firefighter Retirement (Millions)	\$8.752	\$9.430	\$10.420	\$11.014
6	CY	Telephone Taxable Income (Millions)	\$224.112	\$226.802	\$229.523	\$232.966
7	CY	Kilowatt-Hours Produced (Millions)	21,730.433	21,995.656	22,451.941	22,535.002
8	Other					
9	FY	Medicaid Reimbursements (Millions)	\$12.728	\$13.120	\$14.065	\$14.507
10	FY	MDC Debt Service (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	(\$0.477)	(\$1.089)
11		Curren	nt Law			
12		General Fund Re	evenue Estimates			
13		(In M	illions)			
14				Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
15	Source	of Revenue		FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
16	Individu	ual Income Tax		\$338.062	\$358.453	\$374.788
17	Corpora	ation License Tax		59.303	62.477	66.079
18	Coal Se	everance Tax		6.883	6.903	6.519
19	Oil Sev	erance Tax		10.984	10.632	10.827
20	Interes	t on Investments		14.884	15.591	15.668
21	Long-R	ange Bond Excess		48.612	50.910	52.909



1		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Coal Trust Interest Income	35.536	35.532	35.881
4	Insurance Premiums Tax	24.087	25.108	26.040
5	Public Institutions Reimbursement	15.881	16.449	16.359
6	Liquor Profits	3.261	4.235	4.271
7	Liquor Excise Tax	6.275	6.360	6.452
8	Inheritance Tax	11.176	11.500	11.804
9	Metal Mines Tax	2.984	3.266	3.080
10	Electrical Energy Tax	4.076	4.146	4.196
11	Driver's License Tax	2.138	2.149	2.165
12	Telephone License Tax	4.023	4.072	4.127
13	Beer License Tax	1.380	1.391	1.391
14	Natural Gas Severance Tax	1.465	1.531	1.634
15	Railroad Car Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
16	Wine Tax	0.733	0.707	0.681
17	Video Gaming Income Tax	10.991	11.994	13.143
18	Motor Vehicle Account	9.980	10.246	10.520
19	Vehicle Fees	3.887	4.055	4.208
20	Public Contractor's Tax	0.967	1.067	1.011
21	Other Revenue Sources	24.653	16.065	16.770



1		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Grand Total	\$642.221	\$664.839	\$690.523
4	Current Law			
5	State Equalization Aid Account Revenue E	stimates		
6	(In Millions)			
7		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
8	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
9	State Revenue			
10	Individual Income Tax	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
11	Corporation License Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
12	Coal Severance Tax	5.098	5.114	4.829
13	Coal Tax Trust Interest	6.271	6.270	6.332
14	Interest & Income	40.796	39.755	41.515
15	US Oil & Gas Royalties	23.165	23.787	23.209
16	Education Trust Interest	0.166	0.106	0.069
17	State Equalization Aid Account Interest	0.095	0.095	0.095
18	County Revenue	127.231	129.349	132.659
19	Statewide 40 Mills	79.792	82.078	84.469
20	Lottery	8.678	8.842	9.005
21	Miscellaneous	1.000	0.345	0.179



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13	WHEREAS, Article VI, section 9, of the Montana Constitution requires the Governor to submit to the Legislature a budget for the ensuing
14	fiscal period, containing in detail for all operating funds the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state; and
15	WHEREAS, Article VIII, section 9, of the Montana Constitution prohibits the Legislature from appropriating funds in excess of the
16	anticipated revenue of the state; and
17	WHEREAS, section 5-18-107(5), MCA, requires the Revenue Oversight Committee to estimate the amount of revenue projected to be
18	available for legislative appropriation and to introduce legislation setting forth the Committee's current revenue estimate for the biennium; and
19	WHEREAS, section 5-12-302(6), MCA, requires the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst to assist the Revenue Oversight Committee in its
20	revenue estimating duties; and
21	WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature revised the taxation of railroad car companies during the July 1992 Special Session; and



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1	WHEREAS, several railroad car companies challenged the constitutionality of the new tax; and
2	WHEREAS, because the outcome of the challenge to the railroad car company tax is uncertain, the Revenue Oversight Committee did no
3	include, as a precautionary position, any anticipated revenue from the tax in the revenue estimates; and
4	WHEREAS, because of the complexity of economic variables involved in revenue forecasting and the diversity of sources from which state
5	revenue is obtained, it has become increasingly difficult to project revenue in order to prepare a balanced budget for the ensuing biennium; and
6	WHEREAS, the revenue estimates contained in this resolution provide the basis for a comprehensive analysis of the state's financial
7	condition; and
8	WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state that revenue forecasts be discussed and arrived at in public hearings at which all the
9	people may attend and participate.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the state general fund revenue for fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 1997 be estimated to be \$642,221,000, \$664,839,000, and \$690,523,000, respectively, and that the state equalization aid revenue for fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 1997 be estimated to be \$292,292,000, \$295,741,000, and \$302,361,000, respectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature accept for budget purposes the unreserved fund balance of \$32,771,000 \$32,592,000 for the general fund and \$17,109,000 for the state equalization aid account, prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles as published in the audited state financial statements as of June 30, 1994.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning use the revenue estimates (and the underlying assumptions) contained in this resolution as the official revenue estimates for fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97.

GENERAL FUND AND STATE EQUALIZATION AID ACCOUNT REVENUE

The projections for total general fund and state equalization aid account revenue during the 1996-97 biennium are based on an assumption



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of a continuation of Montana law as it existed on January 1, 1995.

The revenue estimates contained in the following tables are based on the assumptions stated previously in this resolution and those listed in the following tables.

4		ECONOM	IIC ASSUMPTIONS				
5		Revenue Oversight Committee					
6			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	
7	Year	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	
8	Monta	na Population & Employment					
9		Population July 1 (Millions)	0.846	0.852	0.858	0.864	
10		Population > = 16 July 1 (Millions)	0.638	0.642	0.647	0.651	
11		Population 18-24 July 1 (Millions)	0.079	0.081	0.082	0.082	
12	CY	Nonfarm Employment (Thousands)	333.400	340.400	347.600	354.300	
13	Monta	na Income					
14	CY	Total Personal Income (Millions)	\$15,560.485	\$16,391.222	\$17,175.693	\$18,038.229	
15	CY	Net Farm Income (Millions)	\$537.886	\$545.061	\$579.065	\$582.913	
16	CY	Disposable Personal Income (Millions)	\$13,638.308	\$14,366.141	\$15,053.426	\$15,809.091	
17	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Income (Millions)	\$7,391.453	\$7,799.040	\$8,244.573	\$8,694.209	
18	Monta	na Individual Income Tax					
19	CY	Nonfarm Wage & Salary Growth (Percent Change)	5.27%	4.93%	5.11%	4.88%	
20	CY	Interest & Dividend Growth (Percent Change)	2.17%	8.45%	5.54%	3.68%	
21	CY	Net Business Income (Percent Change)	6.90%	1.80%	2.00%	2.10%	



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1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Capital Gains/Losses Income (Percent Change)	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%	4.70%
4	CY	Rent/Royalty/Partnership Income (Percent Change)	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
5	CY	All Other Income (Percent Change)	5.18%	5.55%	7.16%	6.50%
6	FY	Individual Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$20.241	\$18.000	\$18.000	\$18.000
7	Montar	na Corporate Income Tax				
8	CY	US Corporate Profits Before Taxes (Billions)	\$495.700	\$520.000	\$545.500	\$572.200
9	CY	MT Corporate Taxable Income (Millions)	\$1,002.137	\$1,060.858	\$1,125.013	\$1,203.068
10	FY	Corporate Income Tax Audits (Millions)	\$7.547	\$7.500	\$7.500	\$7.500
11	Inflatio	n & Interest Rates				,
12	CY	Consumer Price Index (Percent Change)	2.63%	3.30%	3.52%	3.53%
13	CY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	4.41%	5.18%	5.44%	5.80%
14	CY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.75%	8.02%	7.96%	7.81%
15	FY	Short-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	3.68%	4.73%	5.29%	5.59%
16	FY	Long-Term Interest Rate (Percent)	7.38%	7.86%	8.00%	7.90%
17	FY	TCA Blended Interest Rate (Percent)	3.79%	4.95%	5.45%	5.72%
18	FY	TRANS Interest Spread (Percent)	0.61%	0.87%	1.04%	1.13%
19	FY	Treasury Cash Average Balance (Millions)	\$310.571	\$300.695	\$286.075	\$274.016
20	FY	TRANS Issue Size (Millions)	\$88.900	\$70.100	\$70.100	\$70.100
21	FY.	Permanent Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.478	\$2.239	\$1.120	\$0.560



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Common School Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$4.327	\$2.163	\$1.082	\$0.541
4	FY	Resource Indemnity Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$1.122	\$0.561	\$0.281	\$0.141
5	FY	Parks Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
6	FY	Arts Trust Gains/Losses (Millions)	\$0.081	\$0.041	\$0.021	\$0.011
7	Natural	Resource Tax				
8	CY	Total Oil Production (Million bbls.)	16.825	15.780	15.016	14.313
9	CY	Severance Tax Oil Production (Million bbls.)	15.738	14.968	14.248	13.575
10	CY	Montana Oil Price (Per bbl.)	\$13.380	\$14.238	\$14.891	\$16.271
11	CY	Total Coal Production (Million tons)	37.920	38.657	37.964	34.955
12	CY	Montana Coal Price (CSP per ton)	\$7.792	\$7.830	\$7.817	\$7.658
13	FY	Coal Tax Credits (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
14	CY	Total Natural Gas Production (MMCF)	51.557	52.114	52.643	53.145
15	CY	Montana Natural Gas Price (\$ / MCF)	\$1.591	\$1.627	\$1.680	\$1.734
16	CY	Total Liquid Gas Production (Million gallons)	6.793	6.866	6.936	7.002
17	CY	Montana Liquid Gas Price (\$ / Gallon)	\$0.225	\$0.230	\$0.238	\$0.246
18	CY	Copper Production (Million lbs.)	108.213	114.135	99.185	100.289
19	CY	Silver Production (Million ozs.)	2.143	2.206	2.266	2.291
20	CY	Gold Production (Million ozs.)	0.407	0.457	0.427	0.432
21	CY	Lead Production (Million lbs.)	8.770	8.770	8.951	9.051



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	CY	Zinc Production (Million lbs.)	20.716	20.716	21.069	21.303
4	CY	Molybdenum Production (Million lbs.)	8.100	9.600	10.300	10.415
5	CY	Palladium Production (Million ozs.)	0.205	0.213	0.218	0.220
6	CY	Platinum Production (Million ozs.)	0.063	0.066	0.063	0.064
7	CY	Nickel Production (Million lbs.)	0.237	0.303	0.345	0.349
8	CY	Rhodium Production (Million ozs.)	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
9	CY	Copper Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643	\$0.643
10	CY	Silver Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765	\$3.765
11	CY	Gold Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443	\$360.443
12	CY	Lead Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190	\$0.190
13	CY	Zinc Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430	\$0.430
14	CY	Molybdenum Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045	\$2.045
15	CY	Palladium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586	\$115.586
16	CY	Platinum Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210	\$349.210
17	CY	Nickel Price (\$ / lbs.)	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148	\$2.148
18	CY	Rhodium Price (\$ / ozs.)	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561	\$1,020.561
19	CY	Total Metal Value (Millions)	\$299.302	\$326.616	\$308.021	\$311.447
20	FY	Total Federal Forest Receipts (Millions)	\$55.420	\$57.914	\$48.510	\$47.562
21	Proper	ty Value				



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Total Statewide Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,707.993	\$1,763.019	\$1,814.833	\$1,869.654
4	FY	Net/Gross Proceeds Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$15.927	\$13.623	\$12.913	\$13.738
5	FY	All Other Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,692.066	\$1,749.397	\$1,801.919	\$1,855.917
6	FY	Statewide Vehicle Valuation (Millions)	\$2,645.436	\$2,776.294	\$2,896.293	\$3,005.822
7	Consu	mption Tax				
8	FY	Liquor Unit Sales (Millions)	\$4.868	\$4.771	\$4.675	\$4.582
9	FY	Wine Unit Sales (Millions)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
10	FY	Liquor Cost Per Unit	\$10.060	\$10.359	\$10.712	\$11.090
11	FY	Wine Cost Per Unit	\$10.917	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
12	FY	Liquor Net Sales (Millions)	\$38.672	\$38.612	\$39.139	\$39.717
13	FY	Liquor Operations Budget (Millions)	\$7.058	\$7.058	\$6.232	\$6.356
14	FY	Beer Barrels (Millions)	0.755	0.766	0.773	0.773
15	FY	Wine Liters (Millions)	4.746	4.578	4.416	4.259
16	FY	Cigarette Packs (Millions)	70.757	69.800	68.936	68.407
17	FY	Tobacco Value (Millions)	\$10.631	\$11.443	\$12.306	\$13.225
18	FY	Gallons of Gasoline (Millions)	476.695	479.951	484.706	488.502
19	FY	Gallons of Diesel (Millions)	162.110	165.760	170.915	176.335
20	FY	Video Machine Net Income (Millions)	\$199.524	\$219.830	\$239.887	\$262.852
21	FY	Total Lottery Sales (Millions)	\$37.483	\$38.169	\$38.867	\$39.575



1			CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY	CY/FY
2	<u>Year</u>	Assumption	1994	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
3	FY	Insurance Premiums Growth (Percent Change)	7.74%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
4	FY	Insurance Premiums Tax Credit (Millions)	\$4.053	\$3.007	\$2.463	\$2.463
5	FY	Police & Firefighter Retirement (Millions)	\$8.752	\$9.430	\$10.420	\$11.014
6	CY	Telephone Taxable Income (Millions)	\$224.112	\$226.802	\$229.523	\$232.966
7	CY	Kilowatt-Hours Produced (Millions)	21,730.433	21,995.656	22,451.941	22,535.002
8	Other					
9	FY	Medicaid Reimbursements (Millions)	\$12.728	\$13.120	\$14.065	\$14.507
10	FY	MDC Debt Service (Millions)	\$0.000	\$0.000	(\$0.477)	(\$1.089)
11		C	urrent Law			
12		General Fur	nd Revenue Estimates			
13		(In Millions)			
14				Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
15	Source	of Revenue		FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
16	Individ	ual Income Tax		\$338.062	\$358.453	\$374.788
17	Corpor	ation License Tax		59.303	62.477	66.079
18	Coal Se	everance Tax		6.883	6.903	6.519
19	Oil Sev	erance Tax		10.984	10.632	10.827
20	Interes	t on Investments		14.884	15.591	15.668
21	Long-R	ange Bond Excess		48.612	50.910	52.909



1		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Coal Trust Interest Income	35.536	35.532	35.881
4	Insurance Premiums Tax	24.087	25.108	26.040
5	Public Institutions Reimbursement	15.881	16.449	16.359
6	Liquor Profits	3.261	4.235	4.271
7	Liquor Excise Tax	6.275	6.360	6.452
8	Inheritance Tax	11.176	11.500	11.804
9	Metal Mines Tax	2.984	3.266	3.080
10	Electrical Energy Tax	4.076	4.146	4.196
11	Driver's License Tax	2.138	2.149	2.165
12	Telephone License Tax	4.023	4.072	4.127
13	Beer License Tax	1.380	1.391	1.391
14	Natural Gas Severance Tax	1.465	1.531	1.634
15	Railroad Car Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
16	Wine Tax	0.733	0.707	0.681
17	Video Gaming Income Tax	10.991	11.994	13.143
18	Motor Vehicle Account	9.980	10.246	10.520
19	Vehicle Fees	3.887	4.055	4.208
20	Public Contractor's Tax	0.967	1.067	1.011
21	Other Revenue Sources	24.653	16.065	16.770



1	•	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	Grand Total	\$642.221	\$664.839	\$690.523
4	Current Law			
5	State Equalization Aid Account Re-	venue Estimates		
6	(In Millions)			
7		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
8	Source of Revenue	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
9	State Revenue			
10	Individual Income Tax	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
11	Corporation License Tax	0.000	0.000	0.000
12	Coal Severance Tax	5.098	5.114	4.829
13	Coal Tax Trust Interest	6.271	6.270	6.332
14	Interest & Income	40.796	39.755	41.515
15	US Oil & Gas Royalties	23.165	23.787	23.209
16	Education Trust Interest	0.166	0.106	0.069
17	State Equalization Aid Account Interest	0.095	0.095	0.095
18	County Revenue	127.231	129.349	132.659
19	Statewide 40 Mills	79.792	82.078	84.469
20	Lottery	8.678	8.842	9.005
21	Miscellaneous	1.000	0.345	0.179



1		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
2	Source of Revenue	<u>FY 1995</u>	FY 1996	FY 1997
3	County Levy Surplus	0.000	0.000	0.000
4	Total State	\$292.292	\$295.741	\$302.361
5	Statewide Taxable Valuation	\$1,763.019	\$1,814.833	\$1,869.654
6	County Revenue			
7	Statewide 55 Mills	\$97.088	\$99.931	\$102.953
8	Elementary Transportation	0.000	0.000	0.000
9	Cash Reappropriated	0.000	0.000	0.000
10	Forest Funds	2.725	2.283	2.238
11	Taylor Grazing	0.147	0.146	0.146
12	Miscellaneous	28.237	27.956	28.290
13	High School Tuition	(0.968)	(0.968)	(0.968)
14	Other Adjustments	0.000	0.000	0.000
15	Total County (Totals Included in State Revenue)	\$127.229	\$129.348	\$132.659
16	Total General Fund/School Equalization Aid Account	\$934.513	\$960.580	\$992.884
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18	-END-			

