



MONTANA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

FINANCIAL AUDIT

State of Montana

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

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REPORT SUMMARY

The Basic Financial Statements provide legislators and taxpayers with a comprehensive summary of the cost of government. All operations and activities of the state are included in these statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards summarizes sources and uses of federal funds used in agency operations. By reviewing this report, legislators and taxpayers can better understand how taxes and other revenues are used to provide services to the public and enforce state laws and regulations.

Context

At June 30, 2008, total state assets and liabilities approximated \$21.3 and \$4.5 billion, respectively. In fiscal year 2008-09, revenues totalled almost \$3.6 billion, with taxes producing 61 percent of the state's total revenue. Management's Discussion and Analysis provides users with an overview of this financial activity and an analysis of significant trends experienced by the state in recent years. The notes to the financial statements contain detailed information on various subjects of importance to legislators for decision making purposes, such as investments, state debt, capital assets, and potential future liabilities.

As shown on the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards, total federal assistance in fiscal year 2007-08 exceeded \$1.9 billion. The schedule summarizes federal assistance by federal agency and program.

Results

Legislators and taxpayers can rely on the information presented in the Basic Financial Statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presented in this report.

This report contains a control issue that affects management's ability to accurately process its transactions. This control issue was referred from and reported in the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation's agency audit report. This issue will be resolved as part of that agency's next audit.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	0
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	0
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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