

Highway Patrol Fines

Revenue Description

The Montana Highway Patrol issues citations for speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and other misdemeanors. The fines and forfeitures associated with these citations are collected by various state and local courts.

Statutory Reference

Tax Rate – General fines: [61-3-601, MCA](#); [61-5-307, MCA](#); [61-7-118, MCA](#); [61-8-711, MCA](#); [61-9-511, MCA](#); multiple others

Tax Distribution – [3-10-601, MCA](#) (fines collected in justice court are included in “All Other Revenue”); [61-10-148, MCA](#) (violations of vehicle size, weight & load); [61-12-701, MCA](#) (fines by Highway Patrol)

Date Due – Upon conviction

Applicable Tax Rates: Variable

Collection Frequency: Monthly

Distribution: All of Highway Patrol fines and forfeitures on all offenses that result from citations issued by the Highway Patrol, except those paid to a justices’ court, and received by the state are deposited in the general fund.

Comparison of Legislative and Executive Forecasts

The difference between the legislative and executive forecasts is due to differences in the modeling processes. The executive uses gas prices to forecast future revenue while the legislative forecast comes from an ARMA time series model.

Highway Patrol Fines (\$ Millions)				
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Total
Executive Forecast	\$4.370	\$4.510	\$4.710	\$13.590
Legislative Forecast	4.224	4.255	4.251	12.730
Difference	\$0.146	\$0.255	\$0.459	\$0.860
% Difference	3.5%	6.0%	10.8%	6.8%

Forecast Risks

- Significant changes in historical driving patterns

Revenue Estimate Methodology

Data

SABHRS data provide a history of highway patrol fine revenue.

Analysis

Highway patrol fine revenue is forecast using an autoregressive moving average time series model.

Other General Fund Sources
Revenue Estimate Assumptions

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FY	Total Tax \$ Millions	GF Tax \$ Millions	MT. Pop. >=16 Millions
A 2002	\$4.062	\$4.062	0.718
A 2003	4.110	4.110	0.727
A 2004	4.084	4.084	0.738
A 2005	4.293	4.293	0.749
A 2006	4.316	4.316	0.760
A 2007	4.155	4.155	0.771
A 2008	4.049	4.049	0.780
A 2009	4.180	4.180	0.788
A 2010	4.646	4.646	0.794
A 2011	4.359	4.359	0.801
A 2012	4.385	4.385	0.809
A 2013	4.140	4.140	0.817
A 2014	4.142	4.142	0.825
F 2015	4.224	4.224	0.833
F 2016	4.255	4.255	0.841
F 2017	4.251	4.251	0.848

Revenue Projection

