

State economists predict \$686 million 'kicker' in 2020

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State economists say if their revenue estimates hold, Oregon taxpayers will get a \$686 million "kicker" in 2020.

On Wednesday, state economists released their latest revenue forecast, which showed Oregon General and Lottery Fund resources in the current two-year budget to be about \$20.44 billion, \$166.8 million higher than projected several months ago.

"Oregon's economic expansion has largely played out as expected in recent months, yet state revenue collections continue to outpace the forecast," state economists wrote in their quarterly revenue forecast Wednesday. "Much of the strong



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Growing income tax receipts have pushed anticipated state revenue to \$20.44 billion in the current budget cycle.

revenue growth can be traced to response of Oregonians to federal temporary factors, including the tax law changes and a spike in es-

tate tax collections."

While state economists expect the state to collect more revenues than previously expected in the current biennium, which concludes in mid-2019, they now expect to see less revenue in the 2019-21 budget period.

Oregon taxpayers receive the "kicker" when actual revenues in the two-year budget cycle are 2 percent above the original budget.

Economists now predict taxpayers will receive about \$686 million in 2020.

The median taxpayer, earning between \$35,000 to \$36,000, can expect to get about \$164 "kicked" back. Higher income earners can generally expect larger kicker rebates.

State economists also predict a corporate tax kicker of about \$207.8 million, which will be dedicated to K-12 education in the next biennium.

Generally, Oregon's economy continues to do well. While wage growth and household income is still growing, the rate of growth has slowed over the past few years. Much of Oregon's General Fund revenue comes from income taxes.

However, state economists identified some downside risks that could pose a threat to the state's economy in the medium- and long-term, including, but not limited to, "worrisome trends at the U.S. level," housing affordability, climate and natural disasters and federal fiscal policy.

COPS AND COURTS

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 191 calls during the week of Aug. 27-Sept. 2, including:

• John Day Police Department

Aug. 27: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Amanda Bogen, 32, John Day, was cited for illegal display of license plates and Tylor Gifford, 24, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Aug. 27: Following a traffic stop at Southwest Fourth Street and South Canyon Boulevard, Cindy L. Bolman, 51, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 27: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a report of a suicidal person.

Aug. 27: Advised of a phone scam in John Day.

Aug. 28: Dispatched to the former Oregon Pine mill site for a report of trespassing.

Aug. 28: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a juvenile problem.

Aug. 30: Dispatched to a restaurant on West Main Street in John Day. Melinda Moss, 41, John Day, was arrested on a Grant County felony warrant.

Aug. 30: Responded to West Main Street in John Day to assist with a court-ordered custody issue.

Aug. 30: Received a report of criminal mischief at the hospital in John Day.

Aug. 31: Responded to a shoplifting report at a grocery store in John Day.

Sept. 1: Dispatched with sheriff's office and state police to Northwest Bridge Street in John Day for a re-

port of a fight.

Sept. 1: Responded to Northwest First Street in John Day for a harassment report.

Sept. 2: Following a traffic stop on Northwest Third Avenue in John Day, Jared Baker, 23, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and expired license plates.

Sept. 2: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of John Day, Todd Raudy, 52, Bend, was cited for speeding, 63/35 zone.

Sept. 2: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of John Day, Nikolas Suda, 27, was cited for speeding, 60/35 zone.

• Oregon State Police
Aug. 28: Advised of someone leaving lit cigarettes on Highway 26 at Marks Creek east of Dayville.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office
Aug. 27: Received a report of a crash with injuries on Forest Road 36 east of Magone Lake.

Aug. 28: Advised of a noninjury crash on Forest Road 52 near Ukiah.

Aug. 28: Received a report of criminal mischief in Mt. Vernon.

Aug. 29: Advised of suspicious circumstances near the Fall Mountain lookout.

Aug. 30: Received a report of criminal mischief on Ervin Street in Dayville.

Aug. 30: Advised of a prowler at a senior home in Prairie City.

Aug. 31: Received a report of trespassing at a senior home in Prairie City.

Sept. 1: Advised of forgery on West Franklin Street in Dayville.

Sept. 1: Received a report of a suspicious person at Rit-

ter Hot Springs in Ritter.

Sept. 1: Advised of a suspicious person on Bone Point Road in Long Creek.

Sept. 1: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Dixie Creek Road in Prairie City.

Sept. 1: Advised of a loud noise on Southeast Second Street in Prairie City.

Sept. 1: Received a report of a civil problem on Adam Road in Canyon City.

Sept. 1: Advised of someone furnishing liquor on Southwest Kilbourne Street in Prairie City.

Sept. 1: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Harper Creek Road in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 2: Advised of a possibly suicidal person in Prairie City.

Sept. 2: Received a report of an unwanted person on Luce Creek Road in John Day.

Sept. 2: Advised of suspicious circumstances on Main Street in Prairie City.

• John Day ambulance
Aug. 27: Dispatched with Monument fire and ambulance to Wilson Street in Monument for an elderly man.

Aug. 27: Responded with Seneca ambulance to C Avenue in Seneca.

Aug. 28: Dispatched to a senior home in Prairie City for a 69-year-old woman.

Aug. 28: Responded to a senior home in John Day for an elderly woman with low blood pressure.

Aug. 28: Dispatched to a trailer park in Mt. Vernon for an unresponsive man.

Aug. 28: Responded to East Fifth Street in John Day to transport an elderly woman to the hospital.

Aug. 28: Dispatched to Picnic Creek Road in Mt. Ver-

non for a 38-year-old man.

Aug. 29: Transferred a person to the airport in John Day.

Aug. 29: Dispatched to Northeast Front Street in Prairie City for a man with a possible stroke.

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Aug. 29: Responded to Southwest Violet Street in Mt. Vernon for a 70-year-old woman who had fallen.

Aug. 29: Dispatched to Northeast Front Street in Prairie City for a 71-year-old man who had become unresponsive.

Aug. 30: Responded to a senior home in John Day.

Aug. 30: Received a report of a person on North Street in Monument who had fallen but declined assistance.

Aug. 31: Dispatched to Northwest Boyce Place in John Day.

Aug. 31: Transferred a person to the airport in John Day.

Sept. 2: Responded to an acute care center in John Day.

Sept. 2: Dispatched to Widows Creek Road in Mt. Vernon for a person with difficulty breathing.

Sept. 2: Responded with Long Creek ambulance to Highway 395 near Long Creek for person having a seizure on a motorcycle.

Sept. 2: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance and sheriff's office to North Washington Street in Prairie City for an unknown alarm.

• Prairie City ambulance
Aug. 28: Dispatched to a senior home in Prairie City for a transfer.

• U.S. Forest Service
Aug. 28: Received a report of smoke in the South Fork of the John Day River area.

Grant County Circuit Court

Kelly R. Shannon, 51, Reno, Nevada, pleaded guilty Aug. 28 to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence committed on Aug. 14. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail. Misdemeanor charges of possession of methamphetamine and harassment and a contempt of court charge were dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Aug. 29:

Concealed handgun licenses: 6

Average inmates: 21

Bookings: 7

Releases: 8

Arrests: 0

Citations: 3

Fingerprints: 4

Civil papers: 25

Warrants processed: 2

Asst./welfare check: 0

Search and rescue: 0

Aug. 24: Danielle Vawter, 49, Mt. Vernon, was cited for having a dog as a public nuisance.

Aug. 27: Cody Winters, 21, Gresham, was cited for failing to renew vehicle registration and driving uninsured.

Aug. 27: Jeffrey Friesen, 33, Bend, was cited for speeding, 50/25 zone.

Justice Court

Speed limit violation: Mary Lou Brown, 55, Glide, Aug. 17, 42/25 zone, fined \$165.

Exceeding speed limit: Paul D. Rietze, 50, Portland, Aug. 19, 55/35 zone, fined \$165; Daniel C. Felsted, 54, Midway, Utah, Aug. 3, 85/65 zone, fined \$265; Charles A. Caughlin, 60, John Day, Aug. 13, 49/35 zone, fined \$165; David C. Wunder, 31, Walnut Creek, California, July 1, 77/65 zone, fined \$225.

Driving uninsured: Cuahatemoc Arias Perez, 27, Medford, April 8, fined \$225.

Exceeding maximum weight limit: Edward N. Hicks, 27, Prairie City, July 4, fined \$300.

Oregon State Police

Aug. 26: Responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 395 south of Vance Creek

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