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Montana Department of Revenue Releases 2012-2014 Biennial Report

Helena – The Montana Department of Revenue announced the release of its Biennial Report on Friday. The 385-page publication provides detailed information on taxes administered by the department and tax collections for the biennium between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2014. Montana law requires that the Department of Revenue publish the report every two years and submit it to the governor and legislature. It is available to the public online at revenue.mt.gov under the What's New section.

"The report serves as an information resource to improve public understanding of Montana's tax system and to show how the Department of Revenue operates," said Director of Revenue Mike Kadas. "We hope Montanans find this report an effective tool for understanding the department and the tax base for Montana."

The first major section of the Biennial Report presents an overview of the Department of Revenue and the makeup of Montana's tax base. The second section focuses on the individual taxes that provide the framework of Montana's tax base and describes all the taxes that the department collects and distributes, including individual and corporate income taxes, natural resources taxes, property taxes, and miscellaneous taxes such as those on cigarettes, alcohol, estates, and inheritance.

New to this edition of the Biennial Report are transfers to local government made by the department, a glossary and list of acronyms, and, in the online PDF, navigational links on each page for the main and chapter tables of contents.

As the report shows, the taxes that the Department of Revenue collects and distributes across the state contribute to an overall improvement of Montana's quality of life, with:

- 32.4% of all revenue allocated to education
- 30.6% to public safety, welfare and health
- 20.7% to natural resources and infrastructure
- 13.7% to administrative, legislative and judicial costs
- 2.6% to interest on debt

Previous biennial reports are available online at revenue.mt.gov under Publications.

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