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TO: Members<br>Senate Select Committee on Taxpayer Protection Amendment<br>Assembly Committee on Ways and Means<br>FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Interstate Comparison of State Aid Provided to Local Units of Government

The attached tables present, for each of the 50 states, information on the amount of local revenues that are provided by state government. This data is from the U.S. Census Bureau's publication "State and Local Government Finances." The information reflects the 2001-02 fiscal year, which is the most recent data available.

Attachment 1 shows the share of local government general revenue received from state governments. As shown in that table, local units of government in Wisconsin received $\$ 8.7$ billion from the state, which represented $44.6 \%$ of total local government general revenues. Wisconsin was seventh highest on this measure. For all 50 states, revenues transferred from the state represented $36.0 \%$ of local government general revenues.

Attachment 2 shows the share of state government general revenue from own sources (primarily state taxes and fees) that is transferred to local units of government. In 2001-02, the $\$ 8.7$ billion amount that was transferred from the state to local governments in Wisconsin represented $55.0 \%$ of total state general revenue from own sources, which was sixth highest. For all states, the percentage of state own-source revenues transferred to local governments averaged 48.9\%.

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## ATTACHMENT 1

Share of Local Government General Revenues Received from State Government

| State | Local Government General Revenue (Thousands) | Amount From State Government (Thousands) | Percent From $\underline{\text { State Government }}$ | Rank |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vermont | \$1,510,640 | \$836,594 | 55.4\% | 1 |
| New Mexico | 5,162,757 | 2,678,050 | 51.9 | 2 |
| Arkansas | 5,689,968 | 2,944,476 | 51.7 | 3 |
| Michigan | 34,567,001 | 16,946,254 | 49.0 | 4 |
| Delaware | 1,888,857 | 890,876 | 47.2 | 5 |
| California | 159,819,813 | 71,639,333 | 44.8 | 6 |
| Wisconsin | 19,507,188 | 8,707,893 | 44.6 | 7 |
| West Virginia | 3,808,465 | 1,672,297 | 43.9 | 8 |
| Minnesota | 19,723,791 | 8,295,510 | 42.1 | 9 |
| Mississippi | 7,394,493 | 2,985,022 | 40.4 | 10 |
| North Carolina | 24,592,246 | 9,664,333 | 39.3 | 11 |
| Idaho | 3,698,592 | 1,448,109 | 39.2 | 12 |
| Arizona | 16,455,137 | 6,406,836 | 38.9 | 13 |
| Oregon | 12,109,934 | 4,712,830 | 38.9 | 14 |
| Massachusetts | 20,888,820 | 8,017,166 | 38.4 | 15 |
| Kentucky | 8,731,629 | 3,291,319 | 37.7 | 16 |
| Montana | 2,219,274 | 810,136 | 36.5 | 17 |
| Oklahoma | 8,455,104 | 3,078,525 | 36.4 | 18 |
| Wyoming | 2,394,227 | 869,568 | 36.3 | 19 |
| Ohio | 40,285,092 | 14,623,065 | 36.3 | 20 |
| Alabama | 11,858,423 | 4,250,360 | 35.8 | 21 |
| New Hampshire | 3,440,977 | 1,225,045 | 35.6 | 22 |
| Washington | 21,261,782 | 7,559,436 | 35.6 | 23 |
| Utah | 6,017,440 | 2,129,121 | 35.4 | 24 |
| Kansas | 8,466,296 | 2,985,075 | 35.3 | 25 |
| New York | 105,031,843 | 36,854,700 | 35.1 | 26 |
| Iowa | 9,117,686 | 3,147,418 | 34.5 | 27 |
| South Carolina | 10,910,956 | 3,741,708 | 34.3 | 28 |
| Virginia | 21,734,543 | 7,397,354 | 34.0 | 29 |
| Pennsylvania | 38,501,369 | 13,036,062 | 33.9 | 30 |
| Nevada | 7,998,424 | 2,690,903 | 33.6 | 31 |
| Louisiana | 12,648,133 | 4,205,157 | 33.2 | 32 |
| Alaska | 2,678,056 | 886,630 | 33.1 | 33 |
| Indiana | 18,538,509 | 6,044,151 | 32.6 | 34 |
| Georgia | 26,907,860 | 8,592,558 | 31.9 | 35 |
| North Dakota | 1,682,914 | 536,482 | 31.9 | 36 |
| New Jersey | 31,721,374 | 9,921,040 | 31.3 | 37 |
| Missouri | 15,182,868 | 4,649,536 | 30.6 | 38 |
| Rhode Island | 2,706,973 | 823,643 | 30.4 | 39 |
| Illinois | 42,566,252 | 12,738,868 | 29.9 | 40 |
| Connecticut | 10,679,196 | 3,172,244 | 29.7 | 41 |
| Tennessee | 14,333,478 | 4,231,058 | 29.5 | 42 |
| Maine | 3,531,360 | 1,041,427 | 29.5 | 43 |
| Maryland | 17,656,587 | 5,053,803 | 28.6 | 44 |
| Nebraska | 5,392,362 | 1,515,384 | 28.1 | 45 |
| South Dakota | 1,811,740 | 496,082 | 27.4 | 46 |
| Florida | 55,001,070 | 14,932,349 | 27.1 | 47 |
| Texas | 64,879,272 | 17,219,284 | 26.5 | 48 |
| Colorado | 16,153,765 | 3,927,934 | 24.3 | 49 |
| Hawaii | 1,542,547 | 154,095 | 10.0 | 50 |
| U.S. Total | \$988,857,083 | \$355,677,099 | 36.0\% |  |

## ATTACHMENT 2

## Share of State General Revenue from Own Sources Transferred to Local Units of Government

| State | State General Revenue from Own Sources (Thousands) | Amount Transferred to Local Government (Thousands) | Percent Transferred to Local Government | Rank |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California | \$97,620,133 | \$71,639,333 | 73.4\% | 1 |
| New York | 55,167,018 | 36,854,700 | 66.8 | 2 |
| Arizona | 10,600,401 | 6,406,836 | 60.4 | 3 |
| Michigan | 29,379,131 | 16,946,254 | 57.7 | 4 |
| Nevada | 4,828,964 | 2,690,903 | 55.7 | 5 |
| Wisconsin | 15,843,285 | 8,707,893 | 55.0 | 6 |
| Oregon | 8,594,240 | 4,712,830 | 54.8 | 7 |
| Wyoming | 1,599,269 | 869,568 | 54.4 | 8 |
| Ohio | 27,577,760 | 14,623,065 | 53.0 | 9 |
| Minnesota | 16,482,660 | 8,295,510 | 50.3 | 10 |
| Georgia | 17,503,427 | 8,592,558 | 49.1 | 11 |
| North Carolina | 19,770,761 | 9,664,333 | 48.9 | 12 |
| Kansas | 6,187,456 | 2,985,075 | 48.2 | 13 |
| New Mexico | 5,623,419 | 2,678,050 | 47.6 | 14 |
| Idaho | 3,044,793 | 1,448,109 | 47.6 | 15 |
| Washington | 16,426,667 | 7,559,436 | 46.0 | 16 |
| Mississippi | 6,508,973 | 2,985,022 | 45.9 | 17 |
| Illinois | 28,904,656 | 12,738,868 | 44.1 | 18 |
| Alabama | 9,710,666 | 4,250,360 | 43.8 | 19 |
| Florida | 34,452,893 | 14,932,349 | 43.3 | 20 |
| Indiana | 13,982,808 | 6,044,151 | 43.2 | 21 |
| Texas | 40,595,189 | 17,219,284 | 42.4 | 22 |
| Arkansas | 7,054,089 | 2,944,476 | 41.7 | 23 |
| Iowa | 7,580,585 | 3,147,418 | 41.5 | 24 |
| South Carolina | 9,042,262 | 3,741,708 | 41.4 | 25 |
| Tennessee | 10,303,482 | 4,231,058 | 41.1 | 26 |
| New Hampshire | 3,001,279 | 1,225,045 | 40.8 | 27 |
| Pennsylvania | 32,810,709 | 13,036,062 | 39.7 | 28 |
| New Jersey | 25,220,077 | 9,921,040 | 39.3 | 29 |
| Missouri | 11,834,970 | 4,649,536 | 39.3 | 30 |
| Vermont | 2,142,331 | 836,594 | 39.1 | 31 |
| Colorado | 10,133,661 | 3,927,934 | 38.8 | 32 |
| Virginia | 19,311,558 | 7,397,354 | 38.3 | 33 |
| Massachusetts | 21,045,309 | 8,017,166 | 38.1 | 34 |
| Nebraska | 4,164,367 | 1,515,384 | 36.4 | 35 |
| Louisiana | 11,610,165 | 4,205,157 | 36.2 | 36 |
| Oklahoma | 8,640,612 | 3,078,525 | 35.6 | 37 |
| Montana | 2,294,388 | 810,136 | 35.3 | 38 |
| Maryland | 14,456,227 | 5,053,803 | 35.0 | 39 |
| Utah | 6,344,603 | 2,129,121 | 33.6 | 40 |
| West Virginia | 5,153,309 | 1,672,297 | 32.5 | 41 |
| South Dakota | 1,540,929 | 496,082 | 32.2 | 42 |
| Kentucky | 10,688,957 | 3,291,319 | 30.8 | 43 |
| North Dakota | 1,825,310 | 536,482 | 29.4 | 44 |
| Maine | 3,769,847 | 1,041,427 | 27.6 | 45 |
| Connecticut | 11,612,585 | 3,172,244 | 27.3 | 46 |
| Rhode Island | 3,115,828 | 823,643 | 26.4 | 47 |
| Delaware | 3,550,793 | 890,876 | 25.1 | 48 |
| Alaska | 3,866,100 | 886,630 | 22.9 | 49 |
| Hawaii | 4,675,329 | 154,095 | 3.3 | 50 |
| U.S. Total | \$727,194,230 | \$355,677,099 | 48.9\% |  |

