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## **Revenue receipts below estimates because of a high number of tax refunds**

TOPEKA – Revenue receipts for January were below estimates 5 percent on Tuesday mostly because of an increased number of income tax refunds paid out.

Overall receipts were \$30.6 million short of estimates for January.

Although individual income receipts were \$33 million below estimates, Kansas is still on target to meet estimates for the year and revenue is 6.2 percent or \$200.5 million more than it was one year ago.

“Kansans are filing earlier this year and the department has seen a 25 percent increase people filing their taxes electronically,” said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan. “Due to these factors, many people are getting their refunds earlier than they have in previous years.”

Due to the administration’s responsible fiscal management, the state has the balances to pay for the refunds. This is a positive change from when Kansas in 2009 delayed issuing refund checks due to insufficient funds and threatened to do so again in 2010.

When people file electronically and have the refund deposited directly into their bank accounts, they will receive their money within a week instead of having to wait several weeks for a paper tax return and paper check to arrive in the mail.

Receipts continued to show signs of steady growth in other segments such as use tax which increased 23 percent or \$7 million more than estimates.