

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
FY 2009-10 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Monday, December 22, 2008
10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

10:00-10:45 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

10:45-11:15 QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

1. What are your department's three top goals for the current year? How will they be achieved?
2. How do your requested decision items tie to your goals?
3. Could your department shift to a four day work week that begins on Wednesday and ends on Saturday? If not, why not? If only a portion of the department can go to a four day week, what portion can and what portion cannot and why?
4. Has your department been able to fill new or vacant positions? Can your department quantify the benefits it has seen as a result of adding additional FTE or filling vacant positions?
5. What is the status of your department's implementation of S.B.08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT? Is your department experiencing any difficulties?
6. If you have submitted a General Fund decision item, justify why it must be funded in FY 2009-10 and why it cannot be postponed until FY 2010-11.
7. How many employees, especially among upper management, are assigned a state vehicle for them to use to travel between home and work? How many state vehicles does your department use to transport staff? Would it be more cost effective to reimburse employees for using their personal vehicles for these purposes?

11:15-11:25 COLORADO STATE TITLING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND ACCOUNT

8. Why did the Department choose the option (stabilize the CSTARs system and continue using it when the consultant (Northhighland) hired to assess the system stated that this was not a viable option?
9. When would the upgrade of VIPER be complete?
10. How old is the program that the VIPER update will replace? What is the life span of the new update to VIPER?

11. Are outside software developers for the CSTARTS project on performance based contracts? Why or why not?
12. Does the department have a recommendation as to what options are the most feasible for solving the \$2.8 million shortfall in the CSTAR Account? What services would need to be cut if the fee is not increased? What would be the consequences of these service reductions?

11:25-11:45 OUT-OF-STATE TAX LAW COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

13. Given the state of the economy, is this initiative worth pursuing at this time? How far back can Revenue go to collect back taxes from out-of-state companies?
14. Why can't we contract this out to a collection firm rather than hiring personnel to do it?
15. Can we coordinate or cooperate with other states that do a similar type of work rather than hiring employees?
16. Can total revenue be broken into sub categories such as out of state revenues?
17. What do other states in the region do with regard to out-of-state tax collections?
18. Do the out-of-state auditors audit severance tax collections? If they do, how many FTE are there for severance taxes?
19. How many people does the state have that do severance tax auditing? Is that a sufficient staff? In not, why isn't the Department requesting more FTE for this purpose? Were FTE added in the past for this purpose? Is so, what is the status of hiring those FTE? Has the increase provided results? If so, by how much has severance tax collection increased as a result of the additional staff?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

20. How is the lack of dog racing impacting revenues?
21. Why are we still using microfilm rather than digital storage?
22. Is there a cheaper way to do digital imaging? Why is the process the Department uses the most efficient?
23. Will we ever get to the point where the documents will begin as electronic documents and will not require transferring to either microfilm or digital image?
24. Why does the state have to give its seal of approval on local liquor licenses rather than just letting the locals do it? Does the Department feel we need dual licensing?

25. What is the status of the implementation of H.B. 08-1353 (Conservation Easement Bill)?
26. Why does IT require such a large increase? Why do they need so many people there?
27. Why hasn't the consolidation of IT resulted in lower costs for IT?
28. What are cigarette ignition propensity standards?
29. Has the increased marketing budget increased sales of lottery products?
30. What is the status of the driver's license offices? Have all of the offices that were funded been opened? Are there still areas of the state that have problems with driver's license offices? If there are, where are they?