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Kansas Revenues Fall Short

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas says its tax collections fell \$47 million short of expectations this month.

The worse-than-anticipated collections are likely to complicate efforts by Gov. Sam Brownback and legislators to eliminate projected budget shortfalls.

The state Department of Revenue reported Friday that the state collected \$513 million in taxes in January when it had anticipated taking in \$560 million. The shortfall is 8.4 percent.

The state's tax collections since the start of the current fiscal year in July were \$59 million short of expectations, or 1.8 percent. The state anticipated collecting \$3.3 billion during the period and took in about \$3.2 billion.

The state faces projected budget deficits totaling more than \$710 million for the current and next fiscal years, but the figures are pegged to revenue estimates made in November.

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