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KS Tax Revenues Fall Short

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas collected about \$3.7 million less in taxes than it expected in July, largely because of lower-than-anticipated revenues from its newly increased sales tax.

The state Department of Revenue reported Friday that the state collected \$417.6 million in taxes, when officials projected \$421.3 million. The shortfall is 0.9 percent.

The report came a day after Gov. Sam Brownback's budget director announced \$63 million in adjustments to the state's \$15.4 billion budget to lessen the chances of a deficit. Lawmakers last month increased sales and cigarette taxes as well.

Sales tax collections were \$189.1 million for the month, or \$3.9 million less than expected. The shortfall was 2 percent.

But the state's personal income tax collections were \$3 million more than expected, at \$153 million. The surplus was 2 percent.

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