Colorado Economic and Fiscal Outlook

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The forecast was revised slightly downward from June
General Fund Revenue Forecast
Forecast Revisions

- Corporate income tax -- small downward revision to last year’s collections
- Slightly lower cash fund revenue this summer
- Economic risks increased this quarter -- not in revisions but watching closely
Consumer spending is supporting continued economic expansion
Production vs. Consumption Indicators

U.S. Retail Sales

Industrial Production Index
Leading economic indicators suggest continued expansion, but at a slower rate
Leading Economic Indicators
This forecast is conservative and comparable to independent benchmarks
Benchmarks
Budget capacity is limited by the TABOR cap
FY21 Budget Implications

- Revenue is above the TABOR cap, limiting budget growth.

- This means less available in new funds for next year’s budget (FY 2020-21) compared with prior two years.

- Although last year’s topline growth also was limited by TABOR, the net new money available was much higher due in part to the local share for school finance being stronger.

  - This took an expenditure off our books and freed up more than $350 million in the FY 2019-20 budget.
Questions?