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RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended General Fund Operating Budget is \$4,706.1 million. In addition, Governor Carney has set aside \$55.5 million for Grants-in-Aid, \$35.7 million for the Recommended One-Time Supplemental Appropriations Act, and \$260.5 million in dedicated cash to the Bond and Capital Improvements Act. Total recommended Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund appropriations are \$5,057.8 million. Total appropriations represent 96.7 percent of projected Fiscal Year 2022 revenue (net of refunds) plus projected carryover funds, which is within the constitutionally mandated limitation on appropriations. The Governor has recommended that \$67.9 million over and above the constitutionally mandated two percent set-aside remain unappropriated and added to the Budget Stabilization Fund for a new balance of \$131.0 million.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Bond and Capital Improvements Act totals \$894.4 million. Of this amount, \$517.3 million is recommended for state capital projects and \$377.1 million is recommended for transportation projects. Of the \$517.3 million supporting state projects, \$237.7 million is General Obligation Bond Authorization, \$260.5 million is General Fund cash, and \$19.1 million is reauthorization and reprogramming.

Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations are based on Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC) revenue and expenditure estimates as of December 21, 2020. Governor Carney has recommended adjustments that will result in decreases of \$18.8 million to the Fiscal Year 2021 DEFAC revenue estimates and \$11.3 million to the Fiscal Year 2022 DEFAC revenue estimates. The recommended adjustments for pandemic and economic relief are as follows:

- A decrease of \$24.8 million by exempting the tax of Unemployment Insurance benefits for Calendar Year 2020.
- A decrease of \$4.5 million by altering the Earned Income Tax Credit and allowing recipients to choose the most beneficial outcome.
- A decrease of \$800.0 thousand by reducing Lottery revenue to offset the Standardbred and Thoroughbred Programs.

DEFAC GENERAL FUND REVENUE FORECASTS

DEFAC projects net General Fund revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2021 of \$4,899.3 million and \$4,765.4 million for Fiscal Year 2022. The highlights of the forecast include:

- **Personal Income Tax** - This tax, closely modeled after federal income tax law, is progressive in nature, with marginal rates from 0 to 6.6 percent. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$1,690.7 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$1,642.6 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Franchise Tax and Limited Partnership/ Limited Liability Company Tax** - The Franchise Tax is imposed upon domestic corporations incorporated in Delaware and based on either the outstanding shares of stock of a corporation or on gross assets. In addition, every domestic Limited Partnership and Limited Liability Company formed in Delaware and every foreign Limited

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Partnership and Limited Liability Company registered to do business in Delaware is required to pay an annual tax of \$300. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) for these categories are \$1,359.7 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$1,359.7 million for Fiscal Year 2022.

- **Business and Occupational Gross Receipts Tax** - This tax is imposed on the gross receipts of most businesses with tax rates ranging from 0.0945 percent to 0.7468 percent, depending upon the category of the business activity. DEFAC estimates are \$263.5 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$276.4 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Lottery** - This category includes video lottery operations, table games and sports betting, as well as traditional lottery sales. DEFAC estimates are \$196.9 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$213.6 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Corporation Income Tax** - This tax is imposed on every domestic and foreign corporation doing business in Delaware, depending upon the amount of a corporation's taxable income that is apportioned and allocated to Delaware. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$106.8 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$82.3 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Bank Franchise Tax** - This tax is imposed on the net income of banks, trust companies and savings/building and loan associations and their subsidiaries. DEFAC estimates are \$68.7 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$87.9 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Abandoned Property** - Any debt obligation that has gone unclaimed or undelivered, or security that has remained undelivered for three or more years after the date the owner should have received it, or was entitled to claim it, must be reported to the State as abandoned property. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$444.0 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$415.0 million for Fiscal Year 2022.
- **Realty Transfer Tax** - The State imposes a tax of 3.0 percent of the fair market value of the property divided equally between the grantor and the grantee. Local governments are permitted to levy a 1.5 percent tax. In cases where the local levy exceeds 1.0 percent, the State rate decreases to 2.5 percent. DEFAC estimates are \$204.9 million for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$184.9 million for Fiscal Year 2022.