The President's Jobs and Growth Package and State and Local Government Receipts: State-by-State Estimates

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On balance, the President's Jobs and Growth package can be expected to improve state and local government finances. The program promotes growth and creates jobs, boosting state and local government revenues. These effects more than offset any parts of the package that might reduce state and local receipts.

The analysis of the aggregate effects was described in the Office of Economic Policy report *Effect of the President's Growth Package on State & Local Finances* (April 16, 2003). In addition to the estimates presented there, we developed receipt estimates for each state and for the sum of all local governments by state. We did this by distributing the predicted change in aggregate state and local receipts from the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) evaluation of the jobs and growth package released on February 4th. The state-by-state estimates are shown in Table 1 below.

These estimates are "top-down" estimates, because they begin from the national estimate of the effect on state and local receipts and distribute the national effect to each state according to a formula. The estimates presented below include not only the higher state personal and corporate income tax revenues from the President's Jobs and Growth package, as in the earlier analysis by the CEA, but also the higher state revenues from other sources and the higher local revenues. Consequently, the estimates show larger effects than the previous CEA analysis.

- In 2004, the package generates \$17.6 billion in additional receipts for states and localities (this does not include \$1.8 billion in re-employment accounts). We used two methods to distribute the \$17.6 billion.
- In one method, we distribute the projected increment to state and local receipts using separate state and local shares of total tax revenue. We calculate both state and local receipts (and the state and local aggregate) from Census data for 1999-2000 using data from the U.S. Census publication *Government Finances* 1999-2000 (January 2003).
- In the second method, we calculate separate state and local shares of national totals of state and local revenue by source. We then match these shares by source for each state with the national accounts projections of higher state and local revenues by source from the evaluation of the jobs and growth package. These are personal tax and non-tax payments, corporate taxes, and indirect business taxes (which includes property taxes and sales and excise taxes).
- In the second method, we account for the major pieces of non-tax receipts, which are part of the national accounts treatment of the state and local sector (i.e., the distribution of tuition and hospital charges by governments to persons). We also allocate revenue from motor vehicle license fees to personal and business taxes by allocating 2/3 of the fees to personal tax and non-tax payments and 1/3 to business taxes.
- The figures shown in Table 1 are the average receipts gain for the two methods.

Estimates of Receipts Increases by States and Localities from the Jobs and Growth Program

	Estimates for Calendar Year 2004 millions of dollars		
	State	Local	Total
United States Total	12,357	5,243	17,600
Alabama	150	66	215
Alaska	48	13	61
Arizona	187	82	269
Arkansas	108	22	130
California	1,891	601	2,492
Colorado	156	103	259
Connecticut	223	65	288
Delaware	54	7	61
District of Columbia	0	68	68
Florida	591	266	857
Georgia	298	167	465
Hawaii	73	10	83
Idaho	53	14	67
Illinois	555	244	799
Indiana	250	90	340
lowa	119	44	162
Kansas	109	43	153
Kentucky	170	38	208
Louisiana	156	87	243
Maine	59	20	79
Maryland	223	117	340
Massachusetts	362	97	459
Michigan	558	117	675
Minnesota	300	66	365
Mississippi	111	29	141
Missouri	187	98	284
Montana	31	9	41
Nebraska	67	30	98
Nevada	83	36	119
New Hampshire	46	19	65
New Jersey	421	179	600
New Mexico	88	19	106
New York	917	853	1,771
North Carolina	356	108	464
North Dakota	29	8	37
Ohio	431	215	647
Oklahoma	128	46	174
Oregon	130	52	181
Pennsylvania	548	198	746
Rhode Island	44	16	61
South Carolina	145	53	198
South Dakota	23	12	35
Tennessee	200	84	284
Texas	633	365	998
Utah	92	29	121
Vermont	29	5	34
Virginia	279	127	406
Washington	271	103	374
West Virginia	79	15	95
Wisconsin	276	77	353
Wyoming	21	10	31

Source: Office of Economic Policy calculations based on Census Bureau data for state and local finances in 1999-2000, and CEA estimates of the combined effect on state and local receipts for 2004.