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**Capitol Report
July 19th, 2018**

As Fiscal Year 2018 ended at the close of June, the state received good news regarding the better than expected growth of state revenues. While state budget analysts had cautiously predicted growth of 1.9% for the year, the state saw the fiscal year end with growth of 5%.

The growth means the state collected \$9.47 billion in general revenue from July 2017 through June 2018. In comparison, general revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2017 were only \$9.02 billion. The additional dollars in the state's coffers are a result of 5.6% increase in individual income tax collections, and a 2.3% increase in sales tax collections. The state also saw corporate income tax collections grow by more than 6%. The state revenue growth shows that the Missouri economy is growing!

Also, as promised I will continue to summarize Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed (TAFP) bills from this legislative session. All of these bills have been signed by legislative officers and delivered to the governor's office. Bill review ended on July 14.

2018 Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed Bills

HB 1872 (Signed by Governor: 06/01/18) -- Establishes a grant program for the installation of broadband internet service

This bill establishes a grant program within the Department of Economic Development to expand broadband Internet access to unserved and under-served parts of Missouri. Grants may be awarded to fund the acquisition and installation of middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure that support Internet speeds of at least 25 megabits per second download and three megabit per second upload.

HB 1879 (Signed by Governor: 06/01/18) -- Changes the laws regarding financial transactions by public entities

This bill modifies several provisions relating to financial transactions by public entities. Currently, the State Treasurer and the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis are limited in the securities they may require as collateral from banks or financial institutions selected and approved for the safekeeping and payment of deposits. With regard to out-of-state municipal bonds, it must be determined that the bonds are rated in the highest category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency to be qualified as collateral. This bill changes that standard to require the bonds to be rated "investment grade" by at least one such agency.

HB 1880 (Signed by Governor: 06/01/18) -- Declares the intent of the general assembly to facilitate and encourage development of fiber optic infrastructure by rural electric cooperatives

This bill modifies provisions relating to broadband communications services provided by rural electric cooperatives. Currently, rural electric cooperatives have certain powers, including the power to construct electric transmission and distribution lines or systems. This bill specifies that "electric transmission and distribution lines or systems" are specifically defined to include copper and fiber optic cable, facilities, and technology that carries light signals and data beyond that necessary for the transmission and distribution of electricity.

HB 1887 (Signed by Governor: 06/01/18) -- Prohibits a property owners' association from preventing a property owner from placing political signs on his or her property

This bill specifies that a deed restriction, covenant, or similar binding agreement running with a parcel of land cannot prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the display of political signs. A homeowners' association may adopt reasonable rules regarding political signs as specified in the bill. A homeowners' association may not remove a sign or impose a fine or penalty unless written notice of a reasonable rule violation has been given and a three-day time period has passed.

HB 1953 (Signed by Governor: 07/05/18) -- Relates in dissemination of information on the treatment of certain diseases

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop information regarding the bone marrow registry. A primary care provider or urgent care physician may inquire of a new patient who is 18 or older and under 45 whether he or she is registered with the bone marrow registry. If the patient is not registered, the provider or physician will provide the patient with the information on the registry provided by the department.

HB 1991 (Signed by Governor: 06/01/18) -- Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related infrastructure

This bill enacts the "Uniform Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act," which establishes that an authority shall not enter into an exclusive arrangement regarding the use of the right-of-way for the collocation of small wireless facilities or the installation, operation, marketing, modification, maintenance, or replacement of utility poles. Municipal electric utilities are excluded from the definition of "authority."

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It is an honor to serve the 51st District in the Missouri House of Representatives. Each week I will issue a capitol report to keep you informed of activities in Jefferson City. Any concerns or issues you might have are of great interest to me. I look forward to your input and thoughts, so please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to improve our state government and the quality of life for all Missourians. My telephone number is 573-751-2204 or you may contact me by email at dean.dohrman@house.mo.gov. Thank you for working with me to make Missouri a great place to live.

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