

## **Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee**

Presented by Steven Keene July 25, 2018

## Agenda

- NMTRI Principles of Good Tax Policy
- Revenue Sources A few Data Points
- Gross Receipts & Compensating Tax Overview
- Personal Income Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Oil and Gas Taxes
- Other Taxes



## Estimated Revenue Sources

- Taxes on Energy and Combined Sales Tax (GRT makes up the majority of this number) stand out as heavy reliance.
- Property Tax is minimal
- Income Taxes combines Corp and Individual with Individual being the largest component.



### **Gross Receipts Tax Revenues Year-over-Year Comparison**



Note: the decline in June 2017 reflects a one time distribution from GRT to PIT Withholding to correct for prior periods.

## Industry Receipts

- Retail could be impacted by Wayfair decision
- Construction is very important
- Industries not typically included in Sales Tax Base:
  - Professional Services
  - Healthcare and Social Assistance



## **NMTRI Principles of Good Tax Policy**

#### Adequacy

• Revenues should be sufficient to fund needed services

#### Efficiency

• Interference with the private economy should be minimized

### Equity

• Taxpayers should be treated fairly

#### Simplicity

• Laws, regulations, forms and procedures should be as simple as possible

#### Comprehensiveness

• All taxes should be considered when evaluating the system

#### Accountability

• Exceptions should be rare and should be carefully evaluated and justified

### How Do New Mexico's Business Taxes Compare?

FY16	New Mexico		United States	
	\$ Billions	TEBTR <sup>1</sup>	\$ Billions	TEBTR <sup>1</sup>
Property Tax	0.9	1.25%	278.1	1.73%
Sales Tax	1.9	2.64%	153.9	0.96%
Excise Tax	0.5	0.70%	89.8	0.56%
СІТ	0.1	0.14%	63.2	0.39%
UI Tax	0.3	0.42%	43.1	0.27%
PIT on Business Income	0.1	0.14%	40.3	0.25%
License and Other Taxes	0.7	0.97%	55.6	0.35%
Total Business Taxes	4.6	6.40%	724.1	4.50%

Source: "Total state and local business taxes," Ernst & Young, Council on State Taxation, August 2017.

(1)TEBTR, Total Effective Business Tax Rate is measured as the ratio of state and local business taxes to private-sector gross state product (GSP)



## NM Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax

## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax

Imposed in 1935 – "Emergency School Tax"

NM's largest source of revenue

Broad-based (but less broad over time)

Seller imposed "sales" tax?

**Includes services and intangibles** 

Allows indirect tax on federal government (see U.S. v. NM)

Rate includes "local option" taxes imposed by counties, municipalities, and others (i.e. train and spaceport districts)



## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax

State's share = 3.9% (incorporated); 5.125%

GRT rate range: 5% (services only), 5.125% (lowest other GRT rate; ); 5.5\* to 9.25%\* with in-state location

Seller's location determines rate

Except: construction, real estate commissions, utilities

Pyramiding problem: Business-to-Business transactions; "every other sale" taxation of services

"Hold-harmless" features for local government (being phased out)

\* Remainder of County – Lea and Lincoln; Taos Ski Valley through 12/18, respectively. Source: NMTRD Rate Schedule.



### General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Rate Trends



### **Selected Current Rates**

Rates have shown and continual upward trend in the major municipalities.

Mid-sized cities have held rates steady

Rio Rancho has reduced its rate

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Municipality	Current Rate	2016 Rate
Albuquerque 🕇	7.875%	7.3125%
Alamogordo	8%	8%
Clovis 🕇	8.1875%	8.0625%
Hobbs	6.8125%	6.8125%
Las Cruces	8.3125%	8.3125%
Farmington	7.625%	7.625%
Roswell	7.8333%	7.5%
Rio Rancho 👎	7.4375%	7.8125%
Santa Fe 🔒	8.4375%	8.3125%

## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Cont'd

## Compensating Tax

- Companion tax ("use" tax) imposed on purchaser
- In New Mexico GRT rate differs from comp tax rate
- Municipal and county gross receipts taxes
- Local revenues tightly controlled by Legislature
- Local option taxes
- GRT provides 75% of municipal general revenue
- Bases are identical so locals piggyback on state base

## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Cont'd

## Compensating tax

- Imposed on the value of property
  - manufactured in the state by the person using it
  - acquired outside NM that would have been subject to the GRT had it been acquired in NM
  - that becomes taxable because of subsequent use of the property or service (i.e. using something acquired for resale)
- Rate = 5.125% (5% for services)
  - Credit for tax (sales) paid to other state up to 5.125%
- Exemptions & Deduction mirror GRT where applicable
- Doesn't apply to individuals
- Interstate commerce issue some sales not taxed
- Also funds small cities and counties assistance funds

## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Cont'd

### Tribal taxes

- Tribal governments are sovereign with respect to the state. They have taxing power of their own.
- They do not have to align their general excise tax with New Mexico's. It is a matter of mutual convenience that they do.
- Currently 15 tribal entities impose a gross receipts tax administered by the state under cooperative agreements.

General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Exemptions and Deductions

Things that are taxed elsewhere in tax law

- i.e. motor vehicles, insurance, gasoline
- But not all things (i.e. cigarettes, alcohol, rental cars)
- Certain sales by and to governments and charitable organizations
- Certain sales in the chain of commerce to reduce pyramiding
- (direct sales for resale, some services for resale)

General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Exemptions and Deductions

Other things that the legislature thinks shouldn't be taxed

- Traditionally wages, dividends and interest, certain intangibles, sale/lease of real property - things that were not intended to be taxed but would otherwise fall within the broad definition of "gross receipts"
- Recent Trend more and more deductions for social, economic development, or other reasons such as food, medical (physicians, for-profit hospitals, medical labs, certain aircraft services, financial management fees, veterinary services or supplies for cattle, boxing/wrestling/kickboxing, certain referees, some construction ; hearing and vision aids, renewable energy, etc.

General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Tax Credits

# Tax credits

- Investment
- Lab partnership
- Technology jobs
- High-wage
- Advanced energy
- R&D small business
- Affordable housing
- Alternative energy manufacturing

## General Fund Revenue Sources – Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax – Special Definitions

#### GRT system includes "Special" state taxes

#### **Governmental GRT**

- Justified by competition between governments and businesses
- Bucks used for capital outlay projects of select local governments & state agencies
- Could be folded into regular GRT

#### Interstate telecommunications GRT

- Long-distance service was taxed under the gross receipts tax until 1992
- This separate tax was created, mainly as a convenience to the long-distance companies
- The FCC would not permit passing on the tax unless local rates were part of a special tax
- ITGRT's rate of 4.25% determined as an average of the actual effective gross receipts tax rate

#### Lease vehicle GRT & surtax

- At the behest of auto rental companies, this 5% tax on top of regular GRT replaced the motor vehicle excise tax on the same vehicles.
- Effectively reduced interest paid on financed vehicle purchases.
- Tax is targeted at tourists.

#### Telecommunications relay service surcharge

- Rate = 0.33% charged on receipts from intrastate telephone services.
- It funds TTY/TDD services.
- It is a special excise tax that happens to be collected through the gross receipts tax system.



### **Personal Income Tax**

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### General Fund Revenue Sources – Personal Income Tax

NM imposes a personal income tax on residents, and non-residents deriving income from New Mexico sources

The starting point is federal adjusted gross income (AGI) followed by additions and subtractions:

+ NM additions (e.g., interest on federally tax-exempt bonds; itemized state income tax)

- Federal standard or itemized deductions
- Federal personal exemption amount
- NM low- and middle-income exemption
- NM subtractions (e.g., interest on NM state and local bonds, capital gains)
- NM uncompensated medical care deduction
- = NM taxable income

Most credits are nonrefundable (but may be carried forward)

Refundable rebates and credits (except the Working Families Tax Credit) are based on "Modified Gross Income" (MGI).

Withholding and estimated payments are applied.

Taxpayers compute their tax due or refund.

Graduated rates that range from 1.7% to 4.9%.

With Top Rate hitting in at relatively low \$24,000 for MFJ

Tax credits and rebates may reduce tax due.





### **Corporate Income Tax**



### **Corporations**

Other entities taxed as corporations under federal income tax

Certain partnerships, LLCs, Non-profits (i.e. UBI), Trusts



### **Taxable Income**

### TAXABLE INCOME AS DEFINED FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES, WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS

### **ADDITIONS:**

Interest on non-New Mexico state and local bonds

Federal NOLs (3 year carryback, 20 year carryforward)

### **SUBTRACTIONS:**

Interest on federal bonds and New Mexico state and local bonds subject to federal income tax

State NOLs (no carryback, now 20 year carryforward (was 5 year)

Dividends from foreign corporations (not combined filers, and including "grossup"; percentage based on ownership)

Separate Corporate Entity (SCE)

 Default reporting method, unless taxpayer elects combined or consolidated

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### Combined

- Can be elected by "unitary" corporations (determined by inter-relations)
- Once elected, cannot go back to SCE without permission of TRD Secretary

### Consolidated

- Follows federal rules (requires 80% ownership by common parent)
- Once elected, cannot go back to combined or SCE without permission of TRD Secretary

### Allocation and Apportionment

- Corporations with income from outside New Mexico must allocate and apportion their income to New Mexico
- NM follows Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act (UDITPA)
- "Non-business" income is "allocated" to one state (source state)
- "Business income" is "apportioned" between states by formula
- Apportionment formula uses 3- "factors" property, payroll, and sales
- Each factor is the percentage of the New Mexico amount to the "everywhere" amount, and the three percentages are then added and divided by 3 to get the average apportionment percentage

Manufacturers and corporate HQs (or some ops) can elect to use a single sales factor formula that is currently being phased in (which may benefit those who have property and payroll here but sells mostly outside the state).



Corporate income tax is imposed at three rates:

4.8% for net income of \$500,000 or less;

5.9% of net income \$500,000 and over

New Mexico corporate income tax rate will be slightly above the average of surrounding states (except CA), and close to national average

In NM, rates are applied to the taxpayer's unapportioned income, and that tax is then prorated based on the taxpayer's apportion/allocation percentages

Credits reduce tax liability

Corporate franchise tax also applies - \$50 per year per corporation





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### Tax rates – Oil

Taxes on Oil		Stripper Wells, Based on Net Price of Oil (\$/bbl)	
	Ordinary Rate	Under \$15	\$15 to \$18
Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax	3.15%	1.58%	2.36%
Oil and Gas Severance Tax <sup>1</sup> , <sup>2</sup>	3.75%	1.875%	2.8125%
Subtotal	6.9%	3.455%	5.1725%
Oil and Gas Conservation Tax <sup>3</sup>	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%
Production Ad Valorem Tax <sup>4</sup>	1.28%	1.28%	1.28%
Total Production Taxes	8.37%	4.925%	6.643%
Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax <sup>5</sup>	2.55%	2.55%	2.55%

(1) 2.45% for well workover projects if the average annual WTI price was less than \$24.

(2) 1.875% for qualified enhanced recovery projects if the average annual WTI price was less than \$28.

(3) 0.24% if the average WTI price over the previous quarter was over \$70.

(4) Average effective rate. Ad Valorem rates vary by location.

(5) Average rate. Applied against taxable value of production x uniform assessment ratio (1/3).

Note: Deductions allowed for state, federal and Indian royalties and trucking expenses - In FY 2008, for natural gas averaged19.18%.

### **Oil and Gas Taxes**

### Tax rates – Natural Gas

Taxes on Natural Gas		Stripper Wells, Based on Net Price of Natural Gas (\$/mcf)	
	Ordinary Rate	Under \$1.15	\$1.15 to \$1.35
Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax	4.0%	2.00%	3.00%
Oil and Gas Severance Tax <sup>1</sup>	3.75%	1.875%	2.8125%
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### **Other Taxes**

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### **Selective Sales Taxes – Tobacco**

### Cigarettes

- \$1.66 per pack of 20 cigarettes
- Tax raised from \$.21 to \$.91/pack of 20 on July 1, 2003 and again to the present rate on July 1, 2010
- Requires stamps
- Exemptions
- U.S. or any agency thereof
- governing body or enrolled member of any tribe for sale or use on that tribe or pueblo
- sales prohibited by N.M. or U.S. constitution

### **Tobacco Products Tax (snuff, cigars, etc.)**

- 25% of product value
- Exemptions
- Products sold to or by the U.S. or N.M., or any of their agents or instrumentalities
- Deductions
- Interstate sales

### **Selective Sales Taxes – Tobacco**

#### How High Are Cigarette Taxes in Your State?

State Cigarette Excise Tax Rates as of Jan. 1, 2016 (dollars per 20-pack)



if included.

Source: Tax Foundation: RJ Reynolds: state revenue departments.



### **Selective Excise Taxes - Liquor**

#### Rates vary by type

- Spirituous Liquor \$1.60/liter
- Beer \$0.41/gallon
- Wine \$0.45/liter
- Fortified Wine \$1.50/liter
- Microbrewer beer- \$0.08/liter for the first 10k barrels produced, \$0.28 per gallon for all barrels over 10k but fewer than 15k
- Small winery or winegrower \$0.10/liter up to 80K liters; \$0.20/liter on amounts over 80K liters but less than 950K liters; \$.030/liter on amounts over 950k liters but less than 1.5M liters
- Cider \$0.41/gallon

#### **Exemptions**

• Sales to or by instrumentality of the armed forces engaged in resale

#### **Deductions**

• Interstate sales

### **Selective Sales Taxes - Insurance**



## **Selective Sales Taxes - Gaming**

### Gaming Taxes

#### <u>GAMING TAX</u>

Administered by the Gaming Control Board

- 10% of receipts from sale or lease or other transfer of gamine devices

• Exception for transfer from manufacturers to distributors

-10% of the net take of a gaming operator that is a not-for-profit

-26% of the net take of other gaming operators

- In lieu of other state and local gross receipts taxes

GAMING OPERATOR THAT IS A RACETRACK

Administered by the Racing Commission

-20% of net take to purses (in addition to gaming tax)

### Used To Be ...





### **Old School**

In March 1932 "Collier's Weekly" ran an article titled "Tax Everyone But Me" which included an instance starting with "Congress! Congress! Don't tax me" instead of the sing-song: "Don't tax you. Don't tax me".

At the end of the year, and again at the opening of 1932, the hotel rooms and lobbies of Washington were crowded and swarming with citizens who had come to play, in paraphrased adult form, an old game of their childhood:

Congress! Congress! Don't tax me,

Tax that fellow behind the tree.

"Most people have the same philosophy about taxes," says Senator Russell B. Long, who has heard all the variations during seven years as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which handles tax legislation. Long puts that universal theme to verse:

*Don't tax you, Don't tax me, Tax that fellow behind the tree.* 

### **New School**

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https://www.crazygames.com/game/dont-tax-me-bro



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