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February Budget Reductions

“The law leaves us no choice but to make further budget cuts. It is our statutory responsibility to insure that expenditures do not exceed actual revenue collections. It is the responsibility of DFA to maintain a balanced budget. Through January 31, 2002, actual General Fund revenue growth over the prior fiscal year was -2.3% , well below the sine die revenue estimate. Today’s action represents the fourth budget cut in two fiscal years, further emphasizing the need to use conservative growth rate estimates and provide agencies with the necessary flexibility during these challenging budget times.”