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Sanborn, Boutin praise tax amnesty program, caution increased spending

Concord, NH -Today, the Department of Revenue Administration [DRA] presented to the Senate Ways and Means committee showing that the tax amnesty program brought in an approximately \$18.9 million, above the original budgeted estimate of \$16 million. The amnesty program ran from Dec. 1, 2015 through Feb. 15, 2016.

"We applaud DRA for their work to promote and ensure the success of the tax amnesty program, which has allowed the state to collect a significant amount of taxes owed from past years," said Senator Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford). "The tax amnesty program was designed to allow New Hampshire taxpayers who may have fallen behind due to tough economic times a chance to catch up and to pay their fair share of taxes owed to the state. We are pleased to see the success of this program, yet we need to continue to be prudent in our spending and continue to only spend what we know we have as outlined in the budget."

"The revenue numbers from the tax amnesty program are positive, indicating that the program was more successful than we were expecting. However, it is important to remember that what seems like a surplus may be adjusted downward when a full audit is conducted and all the appeals by taxpayers have been processed. We should continue to be cautious of spending outside of the budget before we have a full understanding of the state's financial picture at the end of the year," said Senator David Boutin (R-Hooksett).

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