MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FROM: Clare Tobin Lence, Analyst
DATE: November 12, 2014
SUBJECT: Fiscal Health Dashboard

House Bill 311, “Budgeting Amendments” (2014 General Session), requires LFA to prepare a regularly-updated report of Utah’s fiscal status. Per discussions held at EAC several months ago, LFA is developing this report as an online dashboard that will display an at-a-glance overview of key markers of fiscal health. At the November meeting, we will demonstrate an early version of the dashboard and solicit feedback from committee members. We anticipate reviewing the dashboard again at the December meeting, with completion prior to the start of the 2015 General Session.

The fiscal health dashboard will include year-to-date figures for revenues, expenditures, offsets, and obligations. Various components of these categories will be displayed as well. On the next page is a draft image of a portion of the dashboard, a breakdown of the obligations category. Though still a work in progress, this view provides a general sense of the information that will be available on the dashboard. At the upcoming meeting, we will show the dashboard on a live website to demonstrate its full features and functionalities. Input from the EAC will then allow us to refine the design and ensure we are meeting the needs of the Legislature, with a tool that facilitates quick, round-the-clock access to information on key fiscal indicators.
Draft view of Fiscal Health Dashboard:

- **General Obligation Bond Debt**: $3.0 B, -9.5%
  - Current: $3.0 B
  - Change from Previous Year: -9.5%
- **Revenue Bond Debt**: $312.5 M, +16.6%
  - Current: $312.5 M
  - Change from Previous Year: +16.6%