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ICYMI: *Sacramento Bee*: California tax revenue beats estimates by \$1 billion in February

Despite higher revenues, legislators continue to push for new and higher taxes

(SACRAMENTO)—Yesterday, the state controller's office announced that tax revenues from February were roughly \$1 billion more than previously projected estimates, exceeding Governor Brown's proposed budget by 18 percent. Despite the increase in the projected revenues, several tax proposals, including one to tax services such as movie tickets and dry cleaning and an increase in the tobacco tax, have been proposed this year.

***Sacramento Bee*: California tax revenue beats estimates by \$1 billion in February**

In the latest sign of California's improving budget outlook, tax revenue last month beat estimates by about \$1 billion, the state controller said Tuesday.

Receipts of \$6.6 billion in February beat estimates in Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget by about 18 percent, Controller Betty Yee said in her monthly report.

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General fund revenue for the fiscal year is now 1.4 percent higher than Brown projected in January. The revenue picture is significant as lawmakers deliberate on a spending plan for the next fiscal year, with Democrats in the Legislature likely to push Brown for increased spending.

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