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### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

On December 11, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Department of Revenue. The Department is requesting a status quo General Fund appropriation of \$15.7 million. Director Courtney Kay-Decker noted a continuing effort to identify and prevent individual income tax fraud. The Department shared a table showing statistics on fraud prevention over the past five calendar years, indicating an annual average of \$11.0 million retained through the detection of over 8,000 fraudulent tax returns each year.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Refunds Stopped</b>	<b>Total Refund Amount</b>
2013	8,546	\$ 10,161,282
2014	9,840	10,695,958
2015	9,865	9,150,562
2016	9,646	7,966,443
2017 through Nov. 12	10,486	17,066,368

Source: Department of Revenue December 2017 Budget Hearing Presentation

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