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Oklahoma Development Finance Authority: Fitch New Issue Report

Revenue Framework: ‘aa’: Fitch Ratings expects that Oklahoma’s revenues, which are supported by broad-based sources, will continue to reflect above average economic volatility tied to the natural resource sector. While the Oklahoma Legislature has unlimited independent legal ability to raise operating revenues, tax rate increases require either a legislative supermajority vote or direct voter approval, limiting practical revenue-raising flexibility. Expenditure Framework: ‘aa’: The state maintains ample expenditure flexibility with a low burden of carrying costs for liabilities and the broad expense-cutting ability common to most U.S. states. Long-Term Liability Burden: ‘aaa’: On a combined basis, the state’s debt and net pension liabilities are well below the median for U.S. states as a percentage of personal income and are a low burden on resources. Other post-employment benefit obligations are minimal compared with debt and net pension liabilities, accounting for 0.1% of personal income versus 2.9% for debt and pensions. Operating Performance: ‘aa’: A constitutional provision limiting appropriations to only 95% of expected general revenue fund revenues provides a cushion for revenue variability, while the state’s proactive management of financial operations has historically offset volatility.

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