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The Honorable Linda Lingle Governor, State of Hawaii **Executive Chambers** State Capitol, Fifth Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

The Council on Revenues has updated the growth rates of Hawaii total personal income to be 6.2% for calendar year 2007 and 5.9% for calendar year 2008.

According to the latest estimates from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, total personal income grew at a rate of 6.1% during the first quarter of 2007, in line with the Council's expectations. The Council expects that the inflation rate, as measured by changes in the Honolulu Consumer Price Index, will continue to decline gradually.

The revised total personal income data for calendar years 2003 through 2006, as well as the estimates for 2007 and 2008, are listed below:

		% Growth From
Calendar Year	Millions of Dollars	Previous Year
2003	\$37,837	4.03%
2004	\$41,129	8.70%
2005	\$43,913	6.77%
2006	\$46,583	6.08%
2007 (Estimated)	\$49,471	6.20%
2008 (Estimated)	\$52,390	5.90%

Please advise us if we can be of further assistance or if we can answer any questions you may have concerning the foregoing estimates.

Sincerely,

PAUL H. BREWBAKER, Ph. D. Chair, Council on Revenues

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