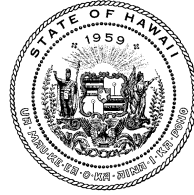


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The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
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State Capitol, Fifth Floor
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Dear Governor Abercrombie:

In its August 1, 2013 meeting, the Council on Revenues slightly lowered its forecast for growth in Hawaii total personal income (TPI) for calendar year 2013 from 4.7% to 4.3%. The Council also forecast growth in TPI of 4.9% for the calendar year 2014.

According to the latest estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), TPI for Hawaii grew at a rate of 3.9% in 2013, and at a rate of 3.6% during the first quarter of 2013. Continued below-trend economic growth of the US economy, the federal sequestration and subdued inflation expectations were all factors in lowering the 2013 forecast.

For Hawaii, the Council's forecast reflects the continued strong but moderating growth in visitor arrivals and expectations for expanded construction activities, along with other economic conditions that were discussed by the members.

The revised total personal income data for the State for calendar years 2008 through 2012, along with the Council's forecasts for 2013 and 2014, are shown below:

Calendar Year	Millions of Dollars	% Growth From Previous Year
2008	\$55,314	5.25%
2009	\$54,194	-2.02%
2010	\$55,832	3.02%
2011	\$59,014	5.70%
2012	\$61,339	3.94%
2013 (Forecast)	\$63,977	4.30%
2014 (Forecast)	\$67,111	4.90%

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack P. Suyderhoud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JACK P. SUYDERHOUD
Acting Chair, Council on Revenues