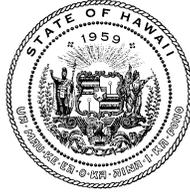


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August 5, 2019

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
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State Capitol, Fifth Floor  
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Dear Governor Ige:

In its meeting on August 1, 2019, the Council on Revenues (the "Council") lowered its forecast for the growth rate of Hawaii Total Personal Income (TPI) for calendar year 2019 from 3.3% to 2.7%. The Council forecasted TPI growth for calendar year 2020 to be 2.0%.

The lower forecast reflects the economic outlook of subdued growth. The Council cited reduced job growth and the potential for adverse impacts on tourism spending due to the passage of Honolulu's Bill 89 which boosts enforcement capacity of noncompliant short-term vacation rentals on Oahu as reasons for a reduction in TPI.

The updated data for Hawaii's TPI for calendar years 2014 through 2018, along with the Council's current forecasts for 2019 and 2020, are shown below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Millions of Dollars</b>	<b>% Growth From Previous Year</b>
2014	\$66,899	5.6%
2015	\$70,324	5.1%
2016	\$72,650	3.3%
2017	\$75,355	3.7%
2018	\$77,535	2.9%
2019 (Forecast)	\$79,628	2.7%
2020 (Forecast)	\$81,221	2.0%

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Kawafuchi', written in a cursive style.

**KURT KAWAFUCHI**  
Chair, Council on Revenues