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The Honorable David Y. Ige Governor, State of Hawaii Executive Chambers State Capitol, Fifth Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## Dear Governor Ige:

In its meeting on July 30, 2020, the Council on Revenues (the "Council") lowered its forecast for the growth rate of Hawaii Total Personal Income (TPI) for calendar year 2020 to -7.0% from 2.8%. The Council also forecast 0.0% TPI growth for calendar year 2021.

The lower forecast reflects the economic difficulties facing the State of Hawaii due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council considered the delay in opening the tourism sector and the impacts of federal fiscal stimulus spending on the local economy in its deliberation of the forecast numbers.

The updated data for Hawaii's TPI for calendar years 2015 through 2019, along with the Council's current forecasts for 2020 and 2021, are shown below:

Calendar Year	Millions of Dollars	% Growth From Previous Year
2016	\$72,879	3.5%
2017	\$75,690	3.9%
2018	\$78,721	4.0%
2019	\$81,442	3.5%
2020 (Forecast)	\$75,741	-7.0%
2021 (Forecast)	\$75,741	0.0%

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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,

KURT KAWAFUCHI

Chair, Council on Revenues

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