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COUNCIL ON REVENUES

Total Personal Income Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 30, 2025

Virtual Meeting
Meeting was held virtually and video [recorded](#).

Thursday, July 31, 2025
2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Council Members:

Kurt Kawafuchi (Chair), Kristi Maynard (Vice-Chair), Carl Bonham, Scott Hayashi, Regina Ostergaard-Klem, and Mike Hamasu

Staff Members:

Department of Taxation: Director Gary Suganuma, Deputy Director Kristen Sakamoto, Baybars Karacaovali, Yvonne Chow, Sisi Zhang, and Roderick Tuliao

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Kawafuchi asked if there was any communication to the Council on Revenues (the Council). There were no communications to the Council and no public comments.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025:

Chair Kawafuchi called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Maynard moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Ostergaard-Klem seconded.

It was moved by Ms. Maynard and seconded by Ms. Ostergaard-Klem that the minutes of the September 4th meeting be accepted. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed with the following votes:

Kurt K. Kawafuchi	Yes
Kristi L. Maynard	Yes
Carl Bonham	Yes
Scott W. Hayashi	Yes

Regina Ostergaard-Klem	Yes
Mike Hamasu	Yes

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE FORECAST OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME FOR CY2025- CY2026 BY DR. BAYBARS KARACAOVALI, ACTING TAX RESEARCH & PLANNING OFFICER:

Dr. Karacaovali made a brief presentation regarding the updates to data by highlighting Tables 3 and 4 from the workbook the Tax Research & Planning (TRP) office prepares for the Council.

Dr. Karacaovali pointed out that, as summarized in Table 3, the Council's Total Personal Income (TPI) Forecast for CY2024 was 5.50% in their previous TPI meeting in October 2024 and according to the June 2025 preliminary numbers from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the actual CY2024 growth rate stood at 5.50% which has gone up to 5.92%.

Dr. Karacaovali pointed all that all the numbers from CY2020 to the second quarter CY2025 has all been revised positively.

Dr. Karacaovali reminded the Council that the Council's TPI Forecast for CY2025 was 4.90% in their previous TPI meeting in July 2025.

Finally, Dr. Karacaovali indicated that, as summarized in Table 4, the simple average of TRP's all six models as of October 2025 forecast 5.74% TPI growth rate for CY2025 and 4.99% for CY2026.

[\[PRESENTATION AVAILABLE ON COR WEBSITE\]](#)

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME FORECAST FOR CY2025:

Mr. Kawafuchi asked Dr. Bonham to help start the discussion for Total Personal Income Forecast (TPI) for CY2025.

Dr. Bonham started the discussion by referring to the jobs data stating that the State started off the year reasonably strong particularly in the first quarter.

Dr. Bonham also said that the income data could slow in the second half of the year.

Dr. Bonham thinks that given the jobs data, income data, and visitor arrivals data the TPI for CY2025 would be below 5.0%

Dr. Bonham asked Dr. Karacaovali for the Council's last TPI forecast for CY2025.

Dr. Karacaovali said the official forecast from the Council for FY2025 was 4.9%.

Dr. Bonham told the Council that he would be comfortable with a forecast of 4.9% for FY2025.

Ms. Maynard asked Dr. Bonham if 4.9% was too high, citing that the Council's packet has DBEDT forecast for CY2025 at 4.5% and the UHERO forecast at 4.2% for CY2025.

Dr. Bonham agreed and moved to change the forecast for 4.5% Total Personal Income growth for CY2025.

Ms. Maynard seconded the 4.5% Total Personal Income growth motion for CY2025.

Mr. Kawafuchi asked the Council if there was any further discussion.

Mr. Hamasu asked if the forecast should be lower than 4.5% due to SNAP benefits and government shutdown.

Dr. Bonham responded yes but also said that there is no easy way of distinguishing 4.2% growth and 4.5% growth with the uncertainty of the government shutdown.

There was no further discussion, and a vote was then taken.

It was moved by Dr. Bonham and seconded by Ms. Maynard that the Total Personal Income growth rate forecast be 4.5% for CY2025. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed with the following votes:

Kurt K. Kawafuchi	Yes
Kristi L. Maynard	Yes
Carl Bonham	Yes
Scott W. Hayashi	Yes
Regina Ostergaard-Klem	Yes
Mike Hamasu	Yes

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME FORECAST FOR CY2026:

Ms. Maynard started the discussion by expressing that it's hard to be overly optimistic about CY2026.

Dr. Bonham provide the Council with their previous forecast of 3.8% due to a decline in real income and decline in jobs.

Mr. Kawafuchi asked Dr. Bonham if he had a suggested number for CY2026.

Dr. Bonham said that he would be comfortable with a range of 3.5% - 4.0% growth for CY2026.

Ms. Maynard asked if 4.0% will be to much of a drop from CY2025 current forecast of 4.5%.

Dr. Bonham said that a drop of 4.0% would be fine stating that previous Council meeting was 4.2% CY2025 and 3.8% CY2026.

Ms. Maynard motioned 4.0% for the Total Personal Income growth for CY2026.

Mr. Hayashi seconded the 4.0% Total Personal Income growth motion for CY2026.

Mr. Kawafuchi asked the Council if there was any further discussion.

Mr. Hamasu expressed that he thinks it would be a little lower around 3.7% - 4.0% but if fine with 4.0%.

There was no further discussion, and a vote was then taken.

It was moved by Ms. Maynard and seconded by Mr. Hayashi that the Total Personal Income growth forecast be 4.0% for CY2026. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed with the following votes:

Kurt K. Kawafuchi	Yes
Kristi L. Maynard	Yes
Carl Bonham	Yes
Scott W. Hayashi	Yes
Regina Ostergaard-Klem	Yes
Mike Hamasu	Yes

NEXT MEETING:

The Council tentatively agreed to meet on, January 7, 2026, at 2 p.m., for the General Fund forecast.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.