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The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol, Fifth Floor
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Dear Governor Lingle:

At its October 21, 2009 meeting, the Council on Revenues reduced forecasts for growth of Hawaii total personal income from 0.95% to 0.00% in calendar year 2009 and from 1.80% to 0.60% in calendar year 2010.

In addition to reviewing the latest personal income data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Council's revised estimates of total personal income for calendar years 2009 and 2010 reflect the expectation of no growth in tourism and continued downward trend in construction activity. The Council also considered the impact of State employees layoffs and furloughs on total personal income.

The revised personal income data for calendar years 2005 through 2008, as well as the Council's estimates for calendar years 2009 and 2010, are listed below:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Millions of Dollars</u>	<u>% Growth From Previous Year</u>
2005	\$45,332	7.21%
2006	\$49,124	8.36%
2007	\$52,253	6.37%
2008	\$54,175	3.68%
2009 (estimated)	\$54,175	0.00%
2010 (estimated)	\$54,500	0.60%

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

Very truly yours,

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