



**JOINT LEGISLATIVE
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
AND
REVENUE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE REPORT

FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026

Attachment 1

JANUARY 9, 2025



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January 9, 2025

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We have completed making our overall assessment of Governor Little’s General Fund revenue projections for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027. Idaho’s Constitution, Article VII, Section 11 requires balancing the state’s appropriations and expenditures with its revenues. Accordingly, it is this Committee’s role and mission to provide advice to you about the reasonableness of such revenue projections. The Committee reviewed and analyzed business, tax, financial data, and trends relating to the state’s economy, and obtained testimony from economic, business, and industry experts regarding those aspects of the state’s economy and revenues of which they have knowledge.

Governor Little’s General Fund revenue projections for FY 2025, FY 2026, and FY 2027 compared to the Committee’s median projections are as follows in millions of dollars:

	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Governor Little’s projections	\$5,947.8	\$6,407.6	\$6836.6
Committee’s median projections	\$5,790.0	\$6,032.0	\$6,385.0
Amount and percent over/(under) Gov. projection	(\$157.8) (2.7%)	(\$375.6) (5.9%)	(\$451.6) (6.6%)

After careful consideration of expert testimony from economists, business leaders, and industry spokesmen regarding the status of Idaho’s current economy and the economic outlook for the next eighteen months, and careful review of the Governor’s fiscal year 2025 and 2026 projections, we recommend to the Senate and House of Representatives Leadership and to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee total General Fund Revenues available for appropriation to be \$5,990.0 million dollars for fiscal year 2025 and \$6,400.0 million dollars for fiscal year 2026. We recommend caution in making appropriations above the committee’s revenue recommendation. The committee recognizes economic uncertainty related to the impact of the Federal Reserve Bank addressing inflation and recent presidential election.

Attachments 1 and 2 provide the detail for all eighteen committee members, three of the presenters, and the governor’s forecast. Attachment 3 provides a historical comparison of projections and actual collections.

Sincerely,

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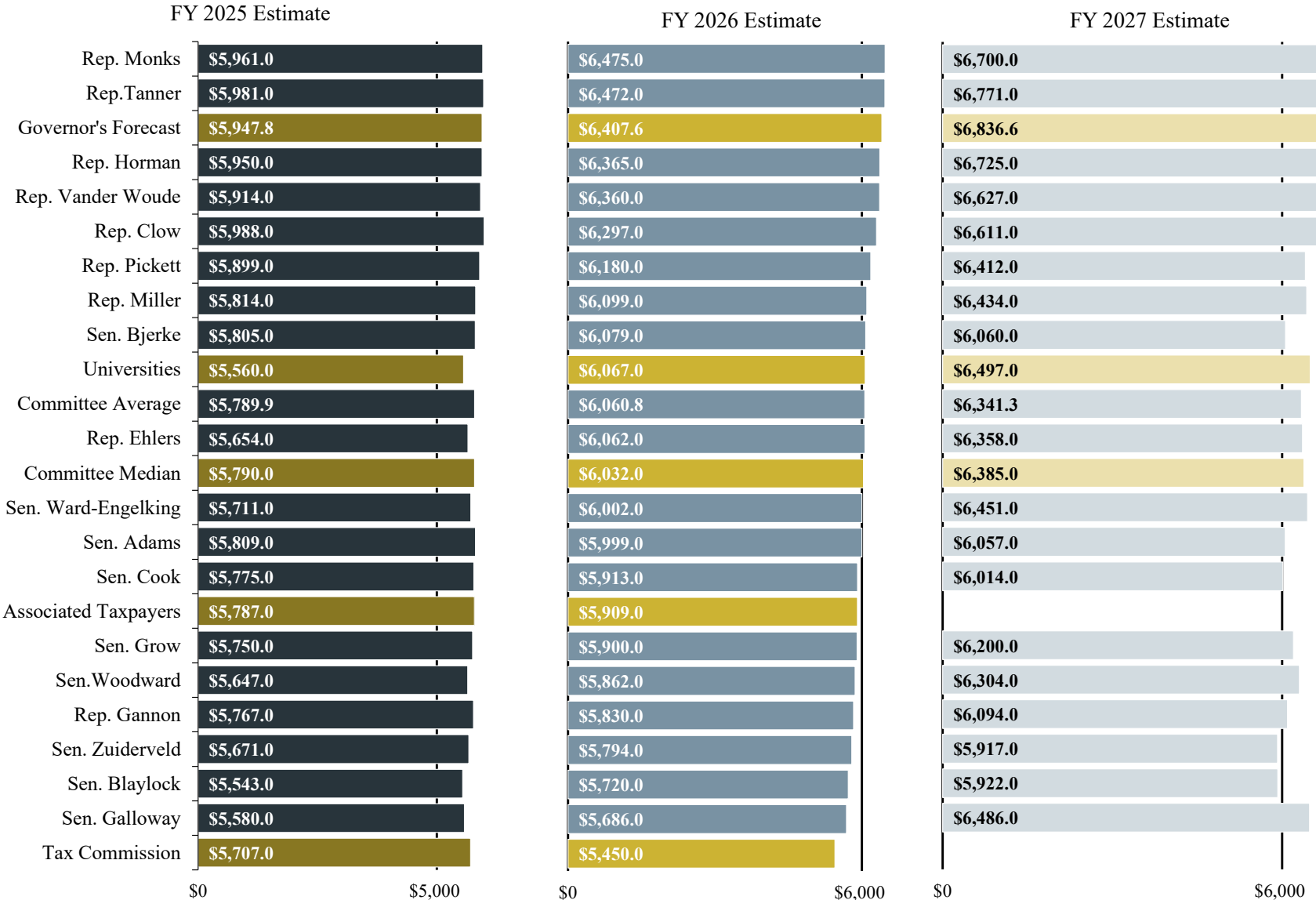
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Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee Projections

2025 Joint Legislative Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee General Fund Revenue Projections (in Millions)



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FY 2024 Revenues \$5,711.0 Millions of Dollars

Participant	Rank #1	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 24-25 Change	Rank #2	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 25-26 Change	Rank #3	FY 2027 Estimate	FY 26-27 Change	Rank #4	Three-year Estimate
Tax Commission	7	\$5,707.0	(0.1%)	1	\$5,450.0	(4.5%)				1	\$11,157.0
Sen. Galloway	3	\$5,580.0	(2.3%)	2	\$5,686.0	1.9%	15	\$6,486.0	14.1%	7	\$17,752.0
Sen. Blaylock	1	\$5,543.0	(2.9%)	3	\$5,720.0	3.2%	2	\$5,922.0	3.5%	3	\$17,185.0
Sen. Zuiderveld	6	\$5,671.0	(0.7%)	4	\$5,794.0	2.2%	1	\$5,917.0	2.1%	4	\$17,382.0
Rep. Gannon	10	\$5,767.0	1.0%	5	\$5,830.0	1.1%	6	\$6,094.0	4.5%	5	\$17,691.0
Sen. Woodward	4	\$5,647.0	(1.1%)	6	\$5,862.0	3.8%	8	\$6,304.0	7.5%	8	\$17,813.0
Sen. Grow	9	\$5,750.0	0.7%	7	\$5,900.0	2.6%	7	\$6,200.0	5.1%	9	\$17,850.0
Associated Taxpayers	12	\$5,787.0	1.3%	8	\$5,909.0	2.1%				2	\$11,696.0
Sen. Cook	11	\$5,775.0	1.1%	9	\$5,913.0	2.4%	3	\$6,014.0	1.7%	6	\$17,702.0
Sen. Adams	16	\$5,809.0	1.7%	10	\$5,999.0	3.3%	4	\$6,057.0	1.0%	10	\$17,865.0
Sen. Ward-Engelking	8	\$5,711.0	0.0%	11	\$6,002.0	5.1%	14	\$6,451.0	7.5%	14	\$18,164.0
Committee Median	14	\$5,790.0	1.4%	12	\$6,032.0	4.2%	11	\$6,385.0	5.9%	16	\$18,207.0
Rep. Ehlers	5	\$5,654.0	(1.0%)	14	\$6,062.0	7.2%	10	\$6,358.0	4.9%	12	\$18,074.0
Committee Average	13	\$5,789.9	1.4%	13	\$6,060.8	4.7%	9	\$6,341.3	4.6%	15	\$18,192.1
Universities	2	\$5,560.0	(2.6%)	15	\$6,067.0	9.1%	16	\$6,497.0	7.1%	13	\$18,124.0
Sen. Bjerke	15	\$5,805.0	1.6%	16	\$6,079.0	4.7%	5	\$6,060.0	(0.3%)	11	\$17,944.0
Rep. Miller	17	\$5,814.0	1.8%	17	\$6,099.0	4.9%	13	\$6,434.0	5.5%	17	\$18,347.0
Rep. Pickett	18	\$5,899.0	3.3%	18	\$6,180.0	4.8%	12	\$6,412.0	3.8%	18	\$18,491.0
Rep. Clow	24	\$5,988.0	4.9%	19	\$6,297.0	5.2%	17	\$6,611.0	5.0%	19	\$18,896.0
Rep. Vander Woude	19	\$5,914.0	3.6%	20	\$6,360.0	7.5%	18	\$6,627.0	4.2%	20	\$18,901.0
Rep. Horman	21	\$5,950.0	4.2%	21	\$6,365.0	7.0%	20	\$6,725.0	5.7%	21	\$19,040.0
Governor's Forecast	20	\$5,947.8	4.1%	22	\$6,407.6	7.7%	22	\$6,836.6	6.7%	23	\$19,192.0
Rep. Tanner	23	\$5,981.0	4.7%	23	\$6,472.0	8.2%	21	\$6,771.0	4.6%	24	\$19,224.0
Rep. Monks	22	\$5,961.0	4.4%	24	\$6,475.0	8.6%	19	\$6,700.0	3.5%	22	\$19,136.0

Sorted by FY 2026 Estimate
Pessimistic to Optimistic

Range of Participants \$445.0 \$789.0 \$919.6 \$2,039.0

Diff. Com. Median from Governor (\$157.8) (\$375.6) (\$451.6)

Percent Diff. from Gov Forecast (2.7%) (5.9%) (6.6%)

The Committee Median is the average of the ninth and tenth committee members' estimates in the ordered set of eighteen members.

Historical Comparison of Original Projections and Actual Collections

