

The New Competitive Advantage: Assessing the Impacts of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act

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U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA)

- USICA is a merger of several related industrial policy and national security bills
- Key predecessor: Endless Frontier Act – establishes technology directorate for NSF, funds increased applied research efforts relevant to industry
- Key predecessor: CHIPS for America Act – funds incentives for semiconductor manufacturing
- Rolled major predecessors into one piece of legislation, adds some extra funding for semiconductor manufacturing, plus others
- Important Sponsors: Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Mitt Romney (R-UT)

USICA is a collection of many high-priority items with broad support from both parties and many regions of the US

Motives behind USICA

R&D	Chip Manufacturing	Regional Innovation Hubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bolster the United States' competitive edge in developing 'frontier technologies'• Fear of falling behind China in key technology areas, losing technological advantage in military and economic realms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semiconductor shortage, possible price instability for autos, computers, etc.• Overextended supply chains vulnerable to shocks, demonstrated during pandemic• Reinvigorate US manufacturing capabilities in one of the fastest-growing industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the United States' capacity to innovate through involving more of the country in the tech sector• Broaden the distribution of gains from the IT revolution• Revitalize some underdeveloped areas of the US

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Appropriations Breakdown – Chips and Manufacturing



Major Line Items (>\$100mln in domestic spending)

Item	Amount Funded	Years Applicable
CHIPS Act	\$24Bn, \$7bn, 6.3bn, \$6.1bn, \$6.8bn	FY22, FY23, FY24, FY25, FY26
Mfg. Extension Partnership	\$2.4bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
Mfg. USA Partnership	\$1.2bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
5G Supply Chain Innovation	\$1.5bn	FY22
Semiconductor mfg at mature nodes	\$2bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)

USICA signals renewed interest in national industrial policy, bigger role for fed. government in economic activity

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Appropriations Breakdown – Research & Development



Major Line Items (>\$100mln)

Item	Amount Funded	Years Applicable
Pre-existing NSF activities	\$52bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly, not in model)
Critical minerals grants	\$100mln	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
Technology Directorate at NSF	\$29bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
University R&D	\$9.6bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
STEM Education and Workforce Development	\$5.2bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)

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Appropriations Breakdown – Research & Development



Major Line Items (>\$100mln)

Item	Amount Funded	Years Applicable
R&D in key tech areas	\$4.4bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
Technology testbeds	\$2.9bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
University technology transfer improvements	\$4.1bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)
Department of Energy R&D	\$16.9bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)

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Appropriations Breakdown – Regional Innovation Centers



Major Line Items (>\$100mln)

Item	Amount Funded	Years Applicable
Regional Innovation Hubs (unconventional locations)	\$10bn	FY22-26 (spread evenly)

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About Us



We are the nation's leader in dynamic local, state and national policy modeling.

Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) was founded in 1980 on a transformative idea:

government decision-makers should test the economic effects of their policies before they're implemented.

OUR CLIENTS

Our clients use REMI models to perform rigorous economic analysis that critically influences policy.

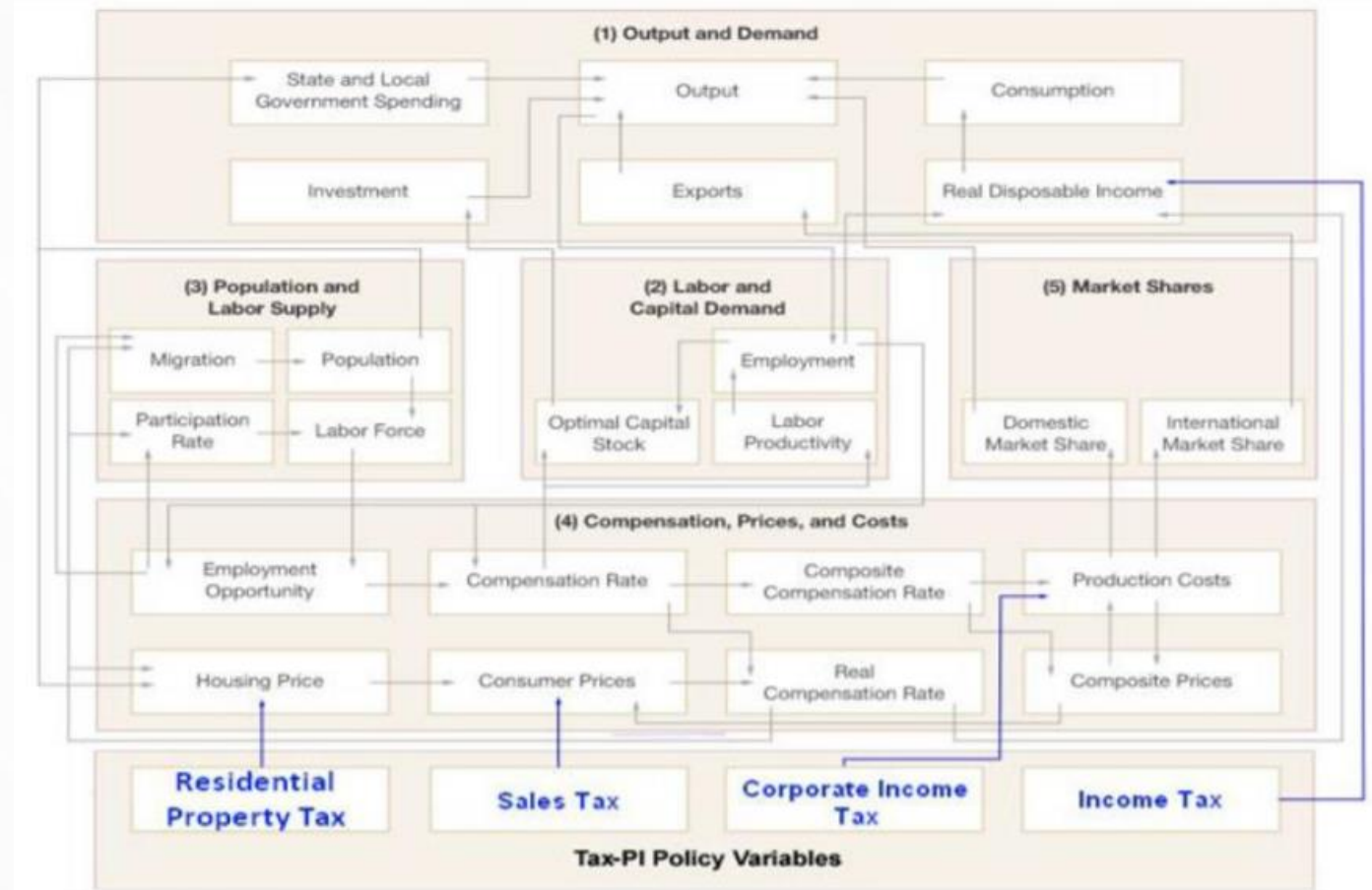


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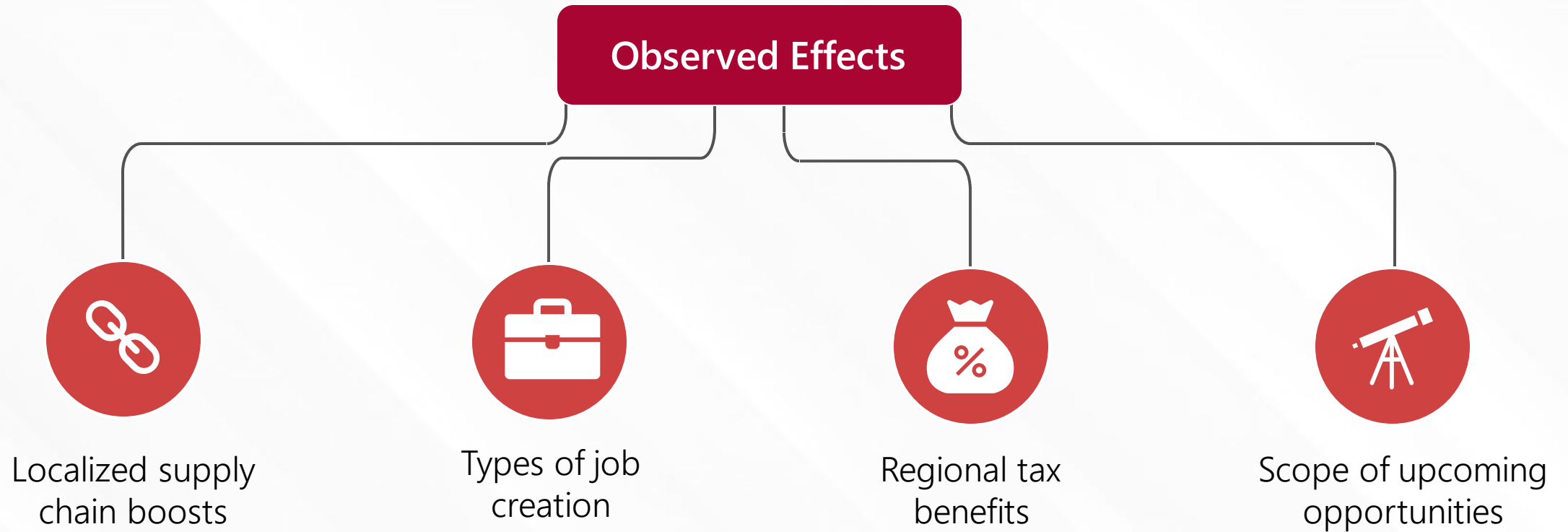
What is Tax-PI?

REMI Tax-PI is the *only* commercially available dynamic macroeconomic and fiscal impact analysis tool.

Tax-PI allows users to understand the deep linkages and relationship between a budget and its economic foundation



The Importance of Modeling USICA



Analyzing these factors shows organizations how USICA will benefit their region

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Simulation Details

Inputs	Observed Outputs	Regional Tech Hubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy Variables:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• +\$10bn for innovation hubs• +\$72.2bn for R&D• +\$57.3bn for chip manufacturing• Over 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy Variables:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment• Population• Labor force participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geographical Areas<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Live Demo:</u> Utah• Alaska• New York• South Carolina• Wyoming
TaxPI+ Model Year: 2022 – 2037		

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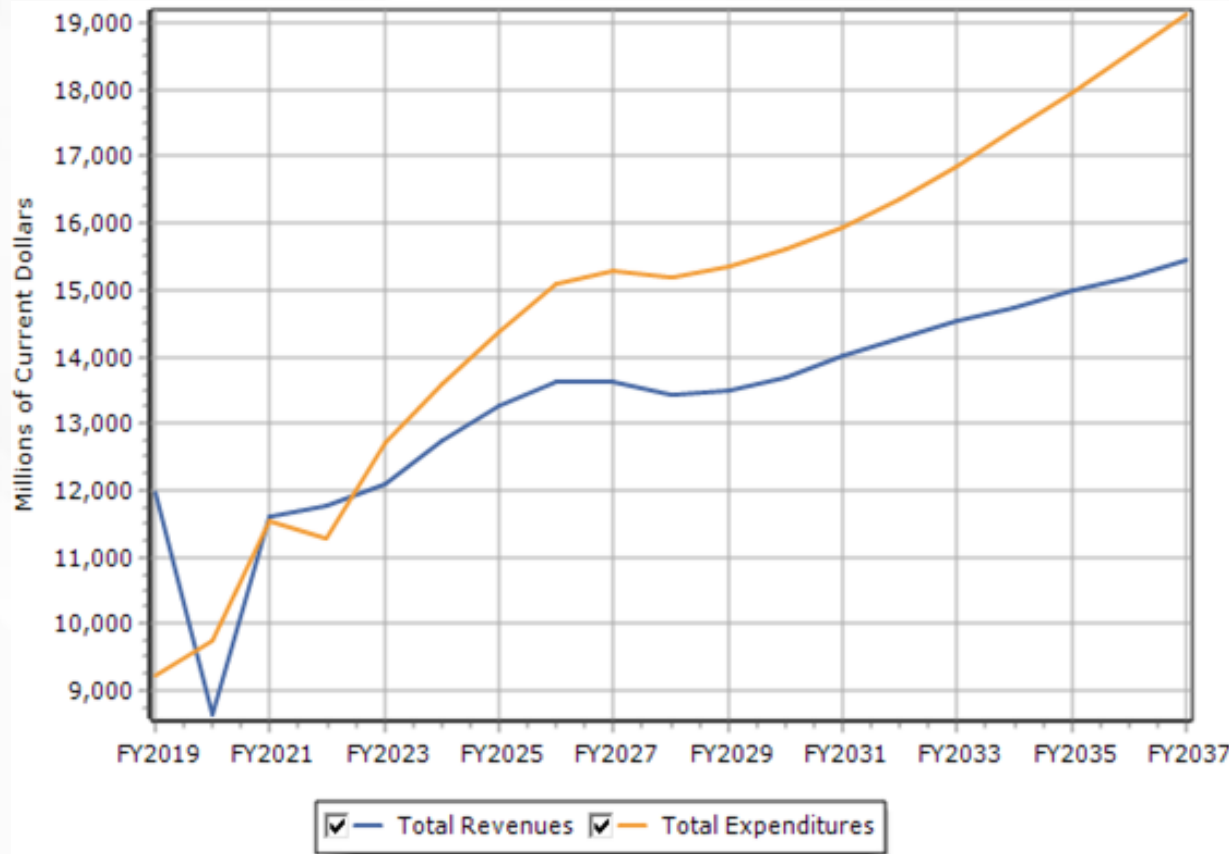
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Alaska's Notable Results



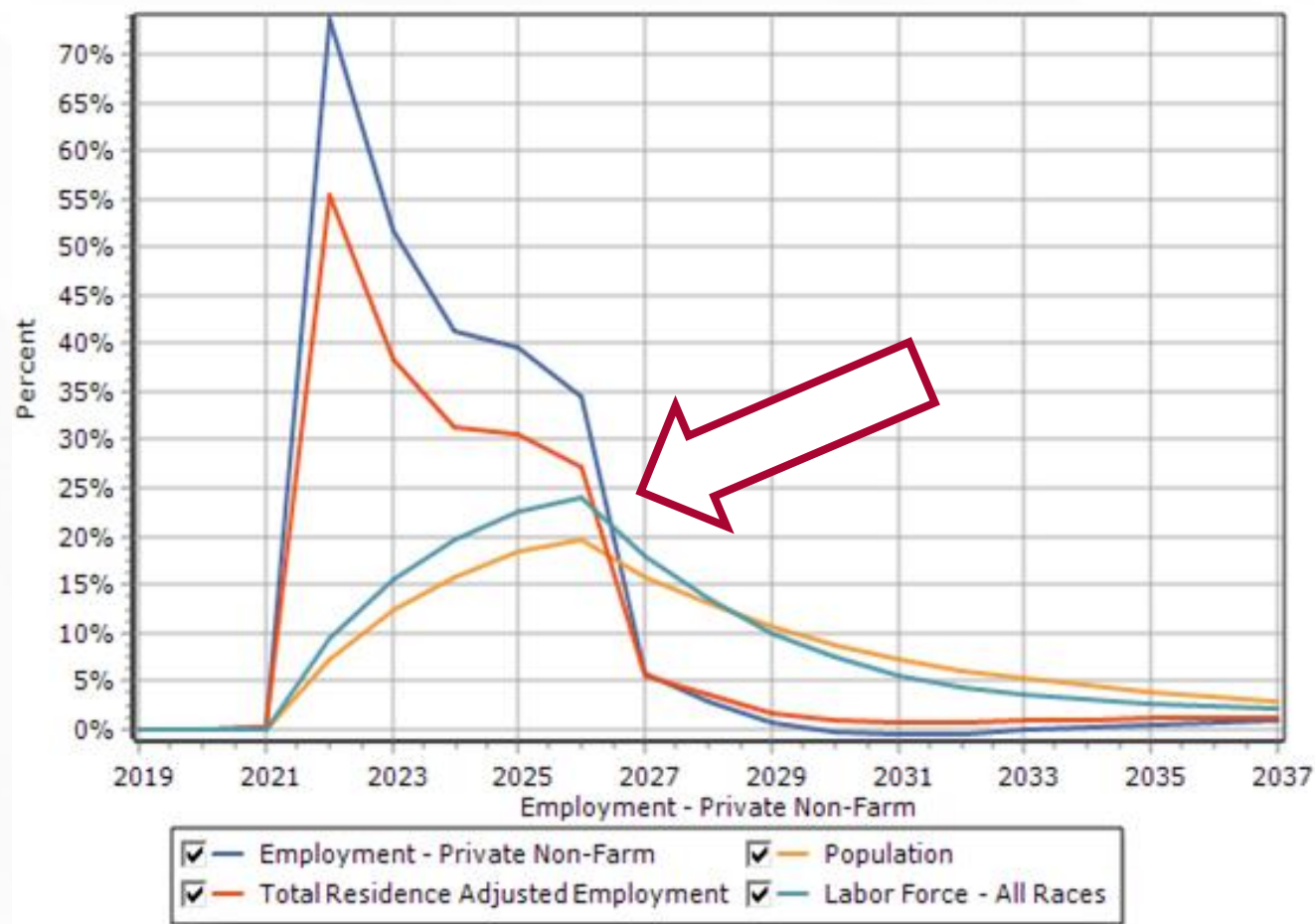
Budget Projections for Alaska (FY2019 – 2037)



- Significant Expenditures:
 - University of Alaska
 - Department of Health & Human Services
 - Department of Education & Early Services
- Largest Revenue Source Increase:
 - Federal Receipts
 - Investment Revenue
 - Petroleum

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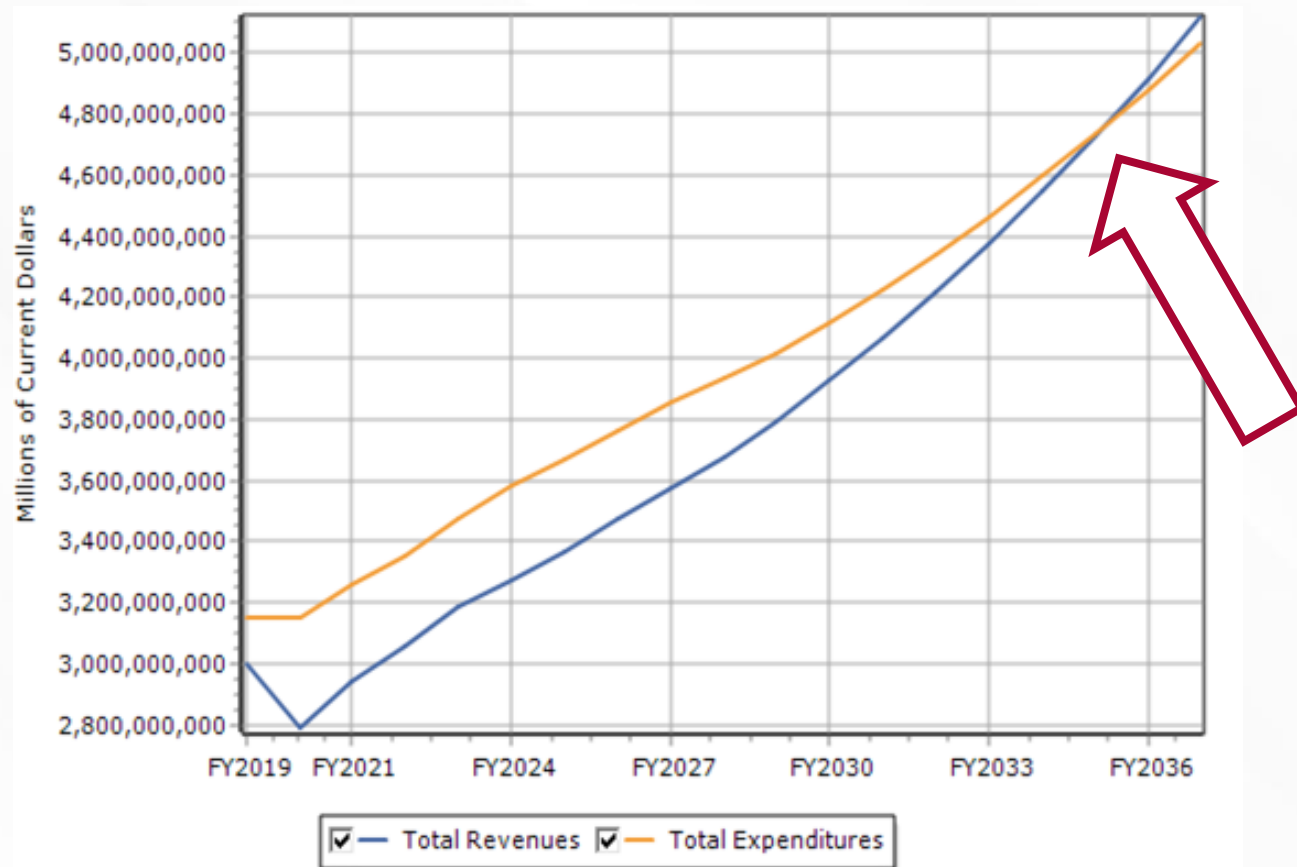
Alaska's Notable Results (Contd.)



- After the suspension of funding for FY2026, sharp declines are seen for all key economic indicators.

Wyoming's Notable Result

Budget Projections for Wyoming (FY2019 – 2037)

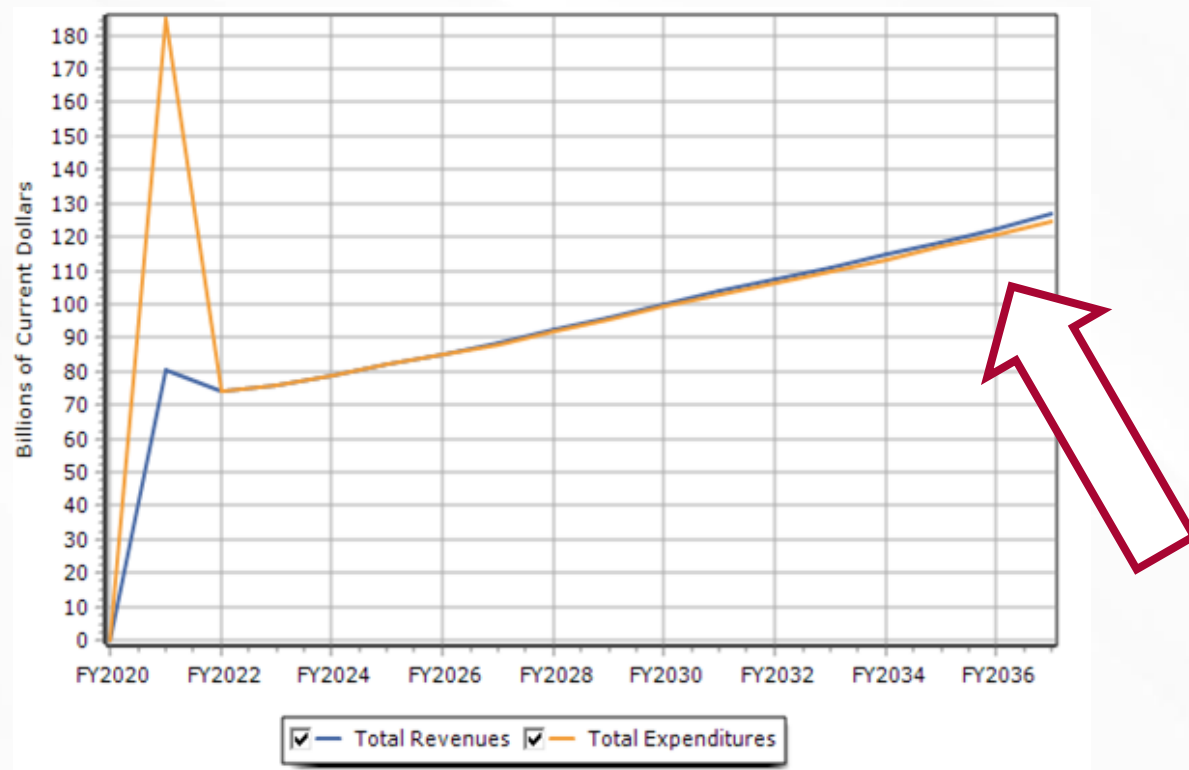


- Significant Expenditure :
 - Education
 - Health
 - Higher Ed (UW & Colleges)
- Largest Revenue Source Increase:
 - State Sales & Use Tax
 - Property Taxes
 - Federal Mineral Revenues (FMRs)

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New York's Notable Result

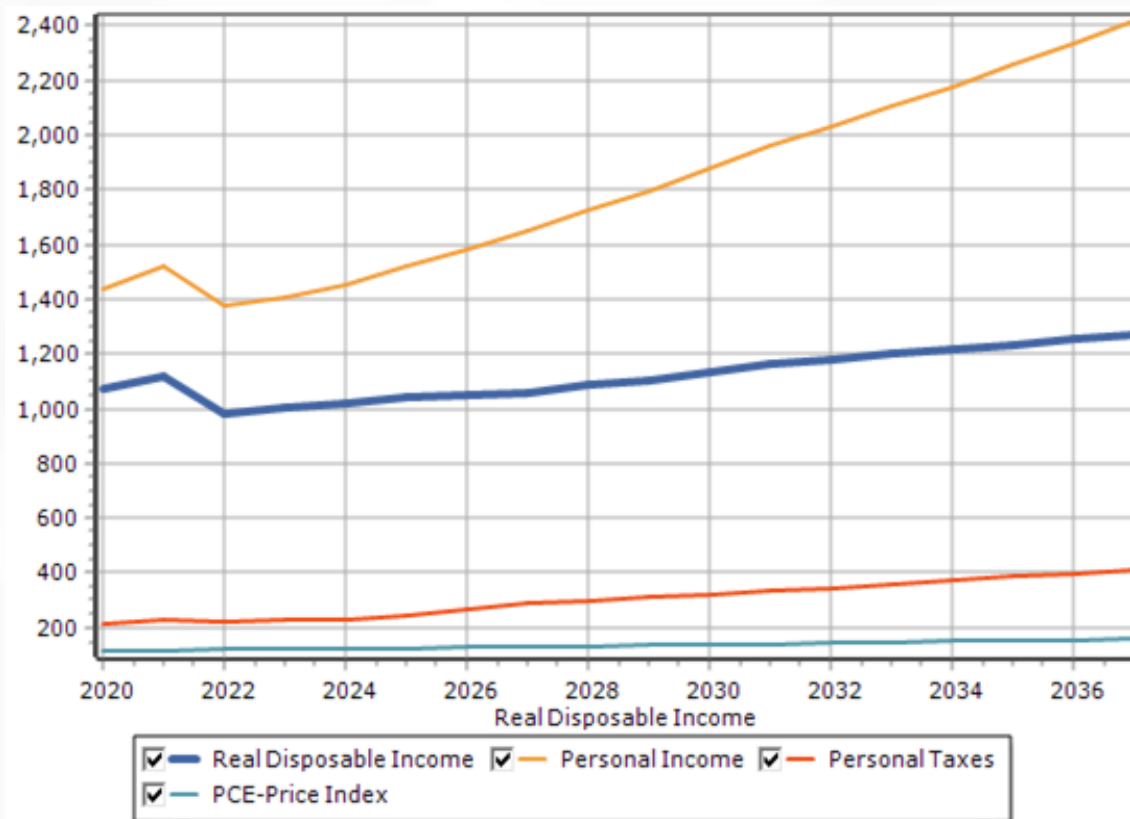
Budget Projections for New York(FY2019 – 2037)



- Significant Expenditure:
 - Education
 - Health
 - Social Welfare
- Largest Revenue Source Increase:
 - Personal Income Taxes
 - Usage Tax
 - Business Taxes

New York's Notable Result (Continued)

Real Disposable Income Projections for New York(FY2019 – 2037)

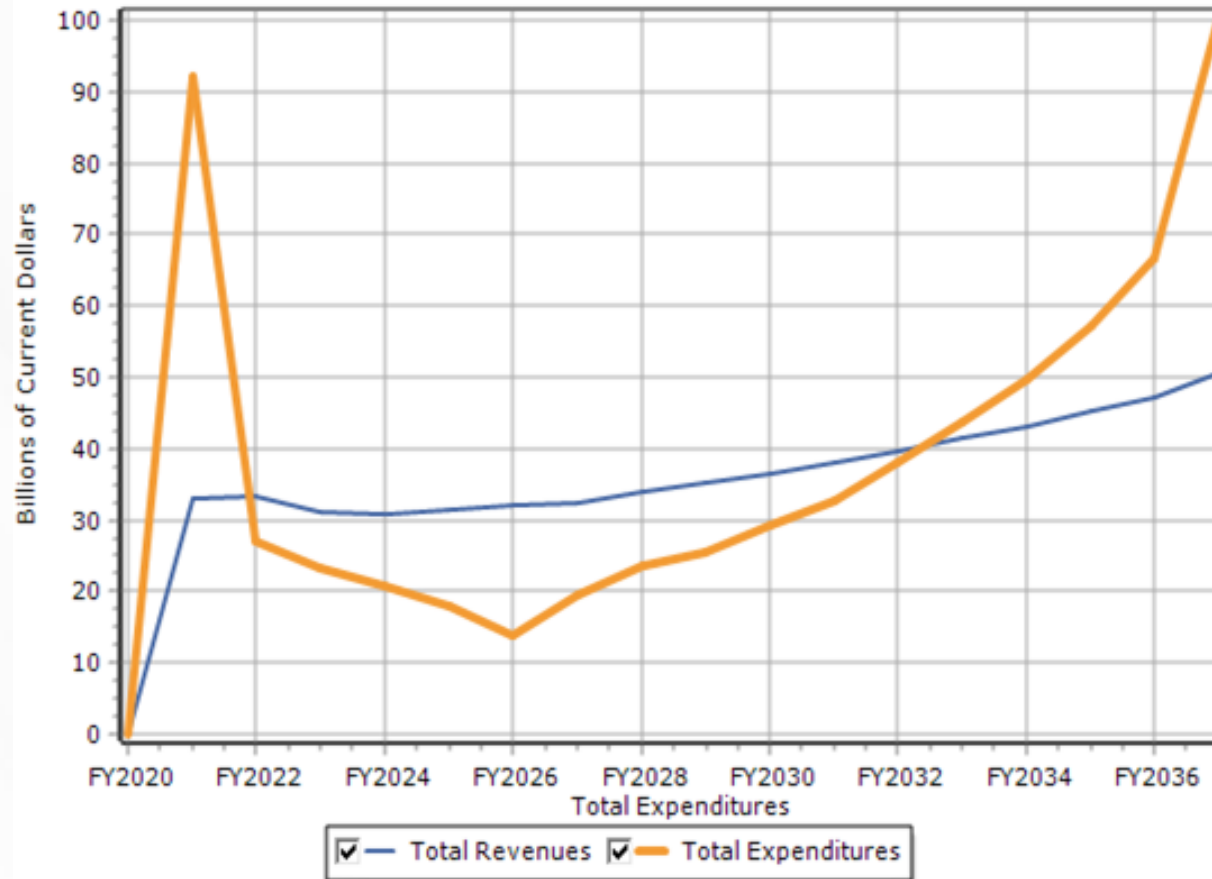


- Personal income increased over +100% over the 15 year period
- Real disposable income increased by just a little over +25%
- Personal taxes increased by only +20%

South Carolina's Notable Results



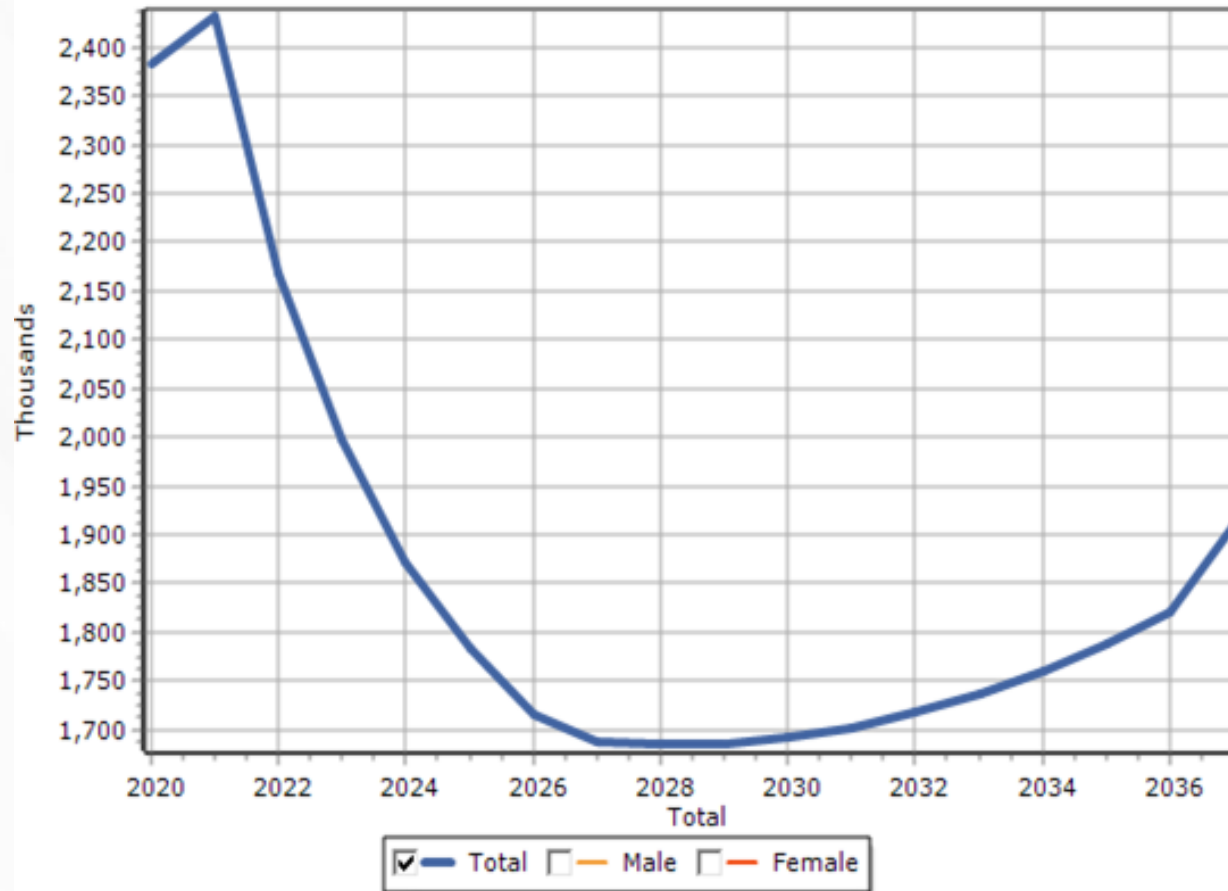
Budget Projections for South Carolina (FY2019 – 2037)



- Significant Expenditure:
 - K-12 Education
 - Economic Development
 - Higher Education
- Largest Revenue Source Increase:
 - Earned on Investments
 - Sales & Use Tax
 - Individual Income Taxes

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South Carolina's Notable Results (Contd.)



- A significant decrease in labor supply was observed to accommodate new high-paying jobs, until 2032

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Increased Tax Revenues

- Federal funding & university funds were the primary sources of new revenue streams
- Investment revenues steadily rose at an average rate of +3% for all states (FY2022-2028)

Localized Supply Chain Expansion

- Chip Manufacturing became a significant industry in each state
- Increased population and innovation clusters

Long-term reduced production cost

- All production costs steadily increased between 5% - 13% (FY2022 – 2030)
- In 2030, all regions saw decrease between 1% and 5%

Consistent flow of investments

- Long term industrial investments are needed to sustain the positive impacts of the bill
- How will states make up for budget shortfalls?

Why Economic Modeling?

- Economic policy modeling can help governments estimate the effects of policies before they are implemented
- Bidders for grants, contracts from USICA will want to demonstrate that their proposals will have a positive economic impact in host communities
- Policy organizations and regional planners can use models to add quantitative rigor to their proposals, making the benefits more clear to stakeholders and decision-makers
- The ability to forecast the potential positive and negative impacts of policy, and know when to implement new taxes to compensate for lost revenues from federal funds.
- Remain competitive and address bottlenecks associated with industrial investments, such as 'who benefits?'

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