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Dr. Bruce Anderson, Director
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

Thank you for your July 29 response to the committee's questions relating to contact tracing. We would appreciate a response to the follow-up questions at our briefing on August 6:

DOH DOCD Case Investigation Procedures:

- Provide a flowchart describing the elements of the disease case investigation process, including but not limited to:
 - Report of a positive test result,
 - Contact with positive individual,
 - Case Investigation,
 - Follow up contact, and
 - Reporting

Staffing:

- Of the 105 active Contact Tracers¹ reporting to DOH DOCD, how many:
 - Conduct case investigation
 - Provide data/communication support
 - Provide administrative or other support
- What is the optimum ongoing caseload for a case investigator?
 - What is the maximum caseload for a case investigator?
- What conditions would trigger a decision to mobilize the additional 196 DOH contact tracers?
 - What would trigger mobilizing the full 450 person cohort of UH trained contact tracers?
- Update on the expenditure of state and federal funds for training, office space, and equipment for the newly onboarded Contract Tracers

Data management, analysis, and reporting: Update on the expenditure of state and federal funds for improved data management, analysis, and reporting.

¹ As reported in Honolulu Star Advertiser, 8/4/2020:

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2020/08/04/hawaii-news/state-needs-additional-contact-tracers-critics-say/>

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- What is DOCD's network of partners and what are the shared responsibilities and resources?
- List all internal partners (within the department and other state agencies); counties; federal; hospitals; labs; community centers; skilled nursing facilities; etc.) and briefly describe responsibilities and shared resources

Public education, communication and outreach: Please provide an update on the expenditure of state and federal funds for communication and outreach, including:

- Communication plan
- Number of personnel hired to facilitate the communication plan
- Update on the expenditure of the CDC's Crisis COVID-19 NOFO funds for the establishment of a call center

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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Cc. Senate President