



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 1, 2020

Mr. Jade Butay, Director
Mr. Ross Higashi, Deputy Director
Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Butay and Deputy Director Higashi:

At the April 30, 2020 meeting held by the Senate's Special Committee on COVID 19, following discussions on the statewide 14-day quarantine for arriving passengers, you were asked to provide the information as follows:

Quarantine Screening, Verification, and Enforcement:

- In enforcing the 14-day quarantine, is the Department following the same procedures as the Hawaii Tourism Authority? If not, please explain in detail why these procedures are not being followed and how your procedures are different from the procedures provided to this committee by the Hawaii Tourism Authority.
- Please provide us in writing the standard operating procedures used by the Department, Hawaii Tourism Authority, NATIONAL GUARD, HIEMA, and ALL COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES to enforce the 14-day quarantine requirements.

Short-Term Rentals:

- Please provide us with a copy of the list of short-term rentals provided to you by the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting.
- Please provide us in writing your proposed procedures using the list of short-term rentals for verification purposes.

Reporting

- Please provide us with a daily report of how many passengers have been referred to law enforcement, and of those passengers how many of those were later released and allowed to leave the airport.

Mr. Butay
Mr. Higashi
May 1, 2020
Page 2 of 3

- For each day since the national guard has been assisting with the airport screening, please provide us with the:
 - Times that the national guard checks in and checks out; and
 - A list with dates and times of all arriving and departing flights.
- How many contract workers did Hawaii Tourism Authority initially have to man the 14-day quarantine screenings at the airport?
- How many of those contract workers has the Department replaced with state workers and from which department did these workers come from?
- When will you complete the replacement process?

Preparing for Re-Opening Hawaii

- Provide us with the number of flights and the associated airline that the Department expects to arrive at each airport in the State of Hawaii each day in May and June as well as the flights' points of origin, including the number of flights between islands.
- Please provide the human resources that would be necessary to maintain the 14-day quarantine process for the expected flights in May and June.
- How often is the Department raising the issue of lack of law enforcement for the 14-day quarantine in the governor's cabinet meetings? When and how have you raised these issues with HIEMA and Alan Oshima?
- Please provide us with an estimate of resources needed to process arriving passengers through the current 14-day quarantine for each of the remaining months of 2020.
- Please provide us with any proposals to amend current or create new statutory powers to deal with this pandemic.
- As HIEMA is planning on reducing its efforts in the state's response to the pandemic, the Department and Hawaii Tourism Authority must come up with a plan to replace the functions currently performed by HIEMA. Please provide us a copy of this proposed plan.

Mr. Butay
Mr. Higashi
May 1, 2020
Page 3 of 3

The Committee requests your response by Monday, May 4, 2020.

As for responses that you receive from the various parties listed in this memo, please provide this Committee with a copy of their responses, if any, as soon as they are received.

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.

Mahalo,

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Senator Kurt Fevella

Cc: Senate President
All Senators