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Mr. Ross Higashi, Deputy Director
Department of Transportation, Airports
400 Rodgers Boulevard, 7th Floor
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Dear Deputy Director Higashi,

During your discussion with the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19, you indicated that you would produce a detailed budget for the total \$70M in CARES Act funding the Department of Transportation – Airports Division is set to receive. The Committee asks that you also provide information on the potential implications of reductions from the original allocation of \$90M appropriated to the department by the Legislature.

During our meeting, you also described individual allocations of \$8.5M for continuing testing, as well as \$5M for testing facilities. The Committee requests that you provide details differentiating these allocations. Additionally, the Committee requests a report on the rates of testing performed at the airports up until this point, and the capacity the division will achieve through this additional funding.

The Committee requests that you provide documentation of the requested information by **10:00 a.m., Monday, August 10, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Duncan Osorio at 586-6800 or via email at d.osorio@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Cc. Senate President