

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
INTERIM OF 2021

[SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19](#)

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, August 5, 2021  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

**THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

A live stream of this meeting will be available on YouTube.

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A G E N D A

The special committee will convene to assess and advise the Senate regarding:

**Healthcare Industry**

- The current and projected hospital capacity for COVID-19 patients; and
- The healthcare industry's plan should hospitals reach a point of overcapacity

**Department of Education**

- The plan for managing in-person learning during the current infection surge
- The Department's plan regarding Distance Learning
- Details on the Department's protocols for its new free breakfast and lunch program
- Updates on staffing changes due to COVID-19
- The Department's reporting plan for daily COVID-19 cases
- The Department's plan should the State or County step down to Tier 3 or Tier 2; and
- The current action triggers should case numbers rise within the Department of Education

**Safe Travels Program**

- General updates on the program and potential future changes; and
- Data regarding the utilization of pre-testing, quarantine, and vaccine passports

**Administration Updates**

- Potential testing and vaccination requirements and associated timelines; and
- Potential changes to the State's tier system and its associated implementation

The special committee will be meeting with the following:

2:00 p.m. **Healthcare Industry**

**Healthcare Association of Hawaii**  
Mr. Hilton Raethel, President and CEO

**Hilo Medical Center**  
Mr. Dan Brinkman, CEO

2:30 p.m. **Department of Education**

**Department of Education**  
Mr. Keith Hayashi, Superintendent

**Department of Health**  
Dr. Libby Char, Director

3:30 p.m. **Safe Travels Program**

**Department of Transportation**  
Mr. Jade Butay, Director

**Office of the Attorney General**  
Ms. Clare Connors, Attorney General

**Department of Health**  
Dr. Libby Char, Director

4:00 p.m. **Administration Updates**

**Office of the Attorney General**  
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**Department of Health**  
Dr. Libby Char, Director

Please note that there may be committee members or invited speakers participating remotely via video or teleconference.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT (808)586-6800.

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chair

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Senator Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate