



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 6, 2020

The Honorable Harry Kim, Mayor  
County of Hawaii  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mayor Kim:

On April 28, 2020, the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 met with Mr. Peter Oshiro, Chief of the Hawaii Department of Health's Food Safety Branch to discuss planning for the eventual re-opening of restaurants in the state when safety allows. Mr. Oshiro testified that each county, in consultation with the Food Safety Branch, is responsible for deciding when and how restaurants in that county may open.

One of the responsibilities of the Senate Special Committee is to ensure that "state departmental plans and procedures are properly and timely implemented to safeguard public health and safety." To fulfill our duty, we are asking each mayor to provide copies of their counties plans to reopen restaurants.

The Committee requests that you provide summaries and details of your plans to relating to the reopening of restaurants in your County. Please include any guidelines you have established or drafted regarding the safe operation of restaurants considering the continuing COVID19 pandemic, any plans for pre-reopening safety and sanitation inspections and post reopening inspections to ensure adherence to any new COVID-19 safety guidelines. We further request that you provide any communication plans for informing restaurants and residents of any new safety guidelines the county is promulgating.

We appreciate your attention to this request and requests your response by **4:00 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2020.**

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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](mailto:d.wicker@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

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