



## The Senate

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Mr. David Lassner, President  
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Dear President Lassner:

The Committee writes to open a discussion on how to improve social distancing measures in the University of Hawaii System. COVID-19 will continue circulating globally for the foreseeable future, and will likely require prolonged periods of social distancing. Even when this pandemic's risk subsides, the new normal may remain with individuals preferring greater distancing in social spaces, like universities.

As we prepare for this new normal, we ask that the University provide the Committee with updates on your plans to:

- Expand online learning through the addition of courses and subject areas.
  - Please identify the limitations, if any, that exist and impede expansion.
- Revisit construction projects to account for social distancing in plans and designs.
  - Identify which projects, if any, could not effectively account for social distancing.

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2020**. 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,

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