



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

August 20, 2020

Major General Kenneth Hara  
Adjutant General  
Department of Defense  
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Dear Major General Hara:

Following up on our discussion on August 19, 2020, the Committee asks that you compile the following information in writing.

The Committee requests that you provide documentation of HIEMA's statewide PPE purchasing and distribution plan. Please include specifics on:

- Scope of HIEMA's PPE jurisdiction, i.e., who is covered under HIEMA's plan;
- Communication plan, i.e., how HIEMA will inform community agencies of the availability of PPE and how they can obtain PPE through HIEMA,
  - Please include visuals of HIEMA's website and where information will be available;
- Projections of PPE need,
  - The metrics utilized to establish these projections; and
- An accounting of sources of funds, appropriation, and amount spent to date.

As you will be instrumental in providing logistical support to ongoing efforts to ramp up disease investigation and contact tracing operations, the Committee asks that you provide information on any plans to utilize community partnerships to more effectively serve Hawaii's minority, and English as a second language, populations.

Finally, as we have had discussions with numerous departments regarding the previously established color-coded and tiered protocols established to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee asks that you compile and communicate a timeline for which the public can expect public-facing decision matrixes related to these plans. We ask that this be provided to the Committee so that we are able to provide clarity to the public at large, and that this additional information be layered into the Administration's daily updates, to inform the public of future decision making better.

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The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 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](mailto: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