



The Senate

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Mr. Leslie H. Kondo, State Auditor
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Dear Mr. Kondo:

RE: Quarantine Report

As you are well aware, the State is in the midst of our most significant surge of COVID infections that we have experienced since this pandemic first began. At the same time, our State's economy is reaching a tipping point, and desperate efforts are underway to alleviate some of what may already be irreversible damage. It is the opinion of this committee that none of the initiatives being considered currently can put into play until our mandatory 14-day quarantine is adequately structured, resourced, and enforced.

The structure, resources, and enforcement of our quarantine have been ever-evolving since its inception. The time-sensitive nature of these matters makes it necessary for our committee to, once again, reach out to you for assistance at this time. In order to better communicate the current state of these components, the committee asks that you aide our efforts by producing an informational report on the topic.

We ask that you focus specifically on the traveler screening operations, how data is collected and shared amongst the necessary operators, the structure of self-quarantine options, and the effectiveness of the overriding policies and their enforcement. In addition, we ask that you provide a comparison with what other states and municipalities have employed that might benefit our State's efforts.

It is our committee's belief that in times like these, we all must stand together and do what is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the public. It is in that vein that we make this request of support. The committee appreciates your attention to this matter.

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 Michelle N. Kidani
Senator Sharon Moriwaki

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Kurt Fevella

Cc: Senate President