



The Senate

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 26, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: General Kenneth Hara
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FROM: Senate Special Committee on COVID-19

RE: Questions regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures

Senate Special Committee requests your responses to the following questions:

- 1) Please provide clarity on whether interisland travel is subject to the quarantine order.
- 2) In anticipation of a broader outbreak, has the State been in communication with INDOPACOM about potentially mobilizing the Army Corps of Engineers for construction or manufacturing capability?
 - a. Is any of the necessary medical equipment in the national stockpile available in Hawaii?
 - b. Two naval ships are reportedly being mobilized in New York to be repurposed as hospitals. Is INDOPACOM considering that type of mobilization in Hawaii? Does INDOPACOM have that capability?
 - c. What is the plan for isolation beds in the event of a broader outbreak?
 - d. Does the Public Safety Division have a plan in place of isolation of potential positive cases?
- 3) Where is manpower needed?
- 4) Where is there capability to bring on workforce and how can we aid in recruitment?
- 5) Has the State contacted the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association or the Hawaii Tourism Authority about potential requisition of hotel rooms for (in order of priority):
 - a. Triage in the event of a critical healthcare system failure;
 - b. Isolation of positive non-critical cases; and
 - i. Because the World Health Organization guidance indicates that isolation of positive cases is critical in managing an outbreak, successful jurisdictions have isolated positive cases away from their families.

c. Lodging of homeless.

- 6) Will the State consider opening "one-stop centers" where people can apply for unemployment insurance, financial and SNAP benefits, and medical (i.e. Med-QUEST)?

The committee appreciates your attention and efforts to date. Please provide responses to the questions above via email to all committee members by **4:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2020.**

Sincerely,

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