



## The Senate

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Ms. Clare Connors, Attorney General  
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Dear Attorney General Connors:

I hope that you and your office staff are safe and healthy in this time of uncertainty.

It has been brought to the attention of the Senate's Special Committee on COVID-19 that county police officers are stopping members of the public who leave their homes. This includes emergency and essential workers going about their duties. Even though they are defined in Mayor Caldwell's Emergency Order No. 2020-02 and Governor Ige's Third Supplementary Proclamation for COVID-19, there is currently no formal way for officers to recognize who is an emergency or essential worker, or who is going about essential activities.

We were hoping for your input on a few propositions. What is your recommendation on the following?

- Carry a copy of Emergency Order No. 2020-02 and the Third Supplementary Proclamation to show county police officers that their movement for certain activities and responsibilities tied to their employment are allowed under both documents?
- Should employers provide documentation to their employee identifying that person as an essential employee?

I would appreciate your opinion on this matter and a timely response by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2**. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to 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 Jarret Keohokalole  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani

Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Senator Sharon Moriwaki  
Senator Kurt Fevella

Enclosure

Cc: Senate President