
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE THE
CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL OF COVID-19 TO THOSE WITH A HIGH
PROBABILITY OF CONTRACTING AND DYING FROM THE VIRUS, SUCH
AS THE RESIDENTS OF CARE HOMES, NURSING HOMES, AND ADULT
FOSTER HOMES, THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND PEOPLE WITH KNOWN
COMORBID MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

1 WHEREAS, "coronavirus", or COVID-19, has infected hundreds
2 of thousands of people since January 2020, and continues to
3 multiply not just in the virus's epicenter but spread in
4 pandemic proportion globally, with cases reported in forty-nine
5 nations; and

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7 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization
8 declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of
9 international concern"; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Epidemiologist has declared that
12 it is not a matter of "if" but rather "when" the virus will
13 reach Hawaii, and the State must prepare for the impact of the
14 virus; and

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16 WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new disease and information about it
17 is limited; however, the fatalities have been elderly
18 individuals and individuals with comorbid medical conditions;
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21 WHEREAS, because the availability of the test kit for
22 COVID-19 may be limited, priority should be given to those who
23 need it the most; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
27 2020, that the Department of Health is requested to prioritize
28 the containment and control of COVID-19 to those with a high
29 probability of contracting and dying from the virus, such as



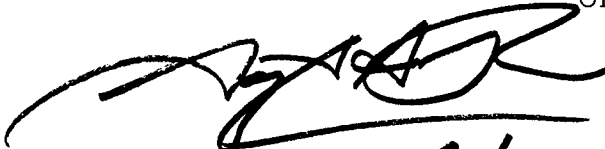
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1 residents of care homes, nursing homes, and adult foster homes,
 2 their caregivers, and people with known comorbid medical
 3 conditions; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 6 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
 7 and Director of Human Services.
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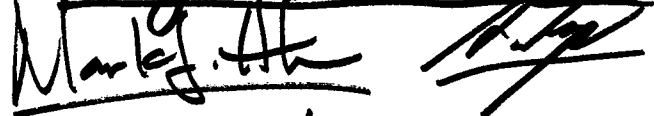
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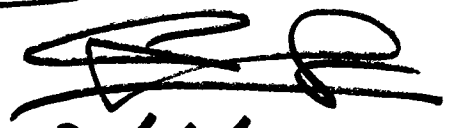

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