



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 21, 2020

Mr. Craig Hirai, Director
Department of Budget and Finance
250 S. Hotel Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Hirai:

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has provided the state with a unique circumstance. We must now work together to provide essential service for the people of Hawaii while also preparing to reopen our state properly. The Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 appreciates your efforts on behalf of the people, and we request that you answer the following question in writing for the benefit of the Committee.

The Committee's primary concern is there is no mention of funding for the following under the CARES Act -State appropriation to help those who are unemployed due to COVID (either pending approval or denied). Is there a department/program and budget for the following:

- Rent supplement & utilities
- Individual relief (e.g., \$1000 per month while not receiving UI payment)
- Homeless shelters and services

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@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
All Senators