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Dr. Bruce Anderson, Director
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Aloha Dr. Anderson:

As you are aware, contact tracing is a vital part of Hawai'i's efforts to reduce the incidence of COVID-19 infections in our state.

The Centers for Disease Control states that “communities must scale up and train a large contact tracer workforce and work collaboratively across public and private agencies to stop the transmission of COVID-19.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

Please provide this Committee with the Department's plans for expanding the Disease Outbreak Control Division's contact tracing program in response to COVID-19. This Committee requests that your response includes, but is not limited to a current overview of the program, the current number of staff members, staff position descriptions, the budget for the Disease Outbreak Control Division, any plans and budget information related to increasing the program as well as any additional staff position descriptions.

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Monday, May 11, 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
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