



The Senate

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Mr. Scott Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
830 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Murakami,

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has provided the state with a unique circumstance. We must now work together to provide essential services 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 questions in writing for the benefit of the Committee:

- What further I.T. system upgrades, if any, must be made to ensure that claims can be processed promptly should there be another surge?
- Are there additional COVID-related resources that should be put in place now, and in the next six months, i.e., staff, training, equipment, etc., to deal with this crisis?; and
- Is there additional CARES Act funding uses to help pay for expediting the processing of the current backlog?

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