



The Senate

STATECAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 3, 2020

Ms. Clare Connors, Attorney General
Department of the Attorney General
425 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Attorney General Connors:

RE: Clarity on the Definition of “Returning Resident.”

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, you attended a Special Committee on COVID-19 meeting, alongside Chief Information Officer Mr. Douglas Murdock to discuss the Safe Travels Hawaii Application. Members expressed their concern that users could potentially mischaracterize themselves by classifying themselves as “Returning Resident” as it pertains to the app characterization feature. It has been noted that Returning Residents have consistently outnumber Visitors in our records since the inception of the quarantine. With that in mind we first we seek your clarification on the term as it relates to the app. Second, if it is solely self-reported - as the committee suspects - members would like to know how that designation is verified after arrival.

The second point of contention raised by Committee members was what the difference, if any, is there in the quarantine location information gathered for returning residents, and how enforcement of this grouping may differ from those identified as visitors. The Committee is concerned that travelers that may have previously lived in the state and are circumventing the more rigid enforcement efforts by wrongly identifying as a returning resident.

The Committee requests that you provide documentation of the requested information by **Thursday, September 10, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Duncan at 586-6800 or via email at d.osorio@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