



The Senate

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Honorable David Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Governor Ige:

Re: Exemption for Hawaii High School Graduation Ceremonies

Considering the relaxing of stay-at-home restrictions and the flattening of the COVID-19 curve, this committee respectfully requests that you make an exemption for the holding of Hawaii High School Graduation Ceremonies provided they employ proper social distancing policies. Proper social distancing policies could include:

- Holding commencement in an adequately large space such as a stadium
- Maintaining six feet of space between graduates at all times
- Limiting access to the field to graduates only
- Breaking up large graduating classes into different times
- Restricting access to the campus to drop off and pick up of graduates only

Principals and administrators will be responsible to ensure that they have adequate space and personnel to ensure social distancing. This committee strongly urges you to consider making an exemption for Hawaii High School graduation ceremonies.

Mahalo,

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