

STATECAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

December 17, 2020

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

Dear Governor Ige:

RE: Safe Travels Program

As the State saw one of the largest single-day increases of COVID-19 cases on December 10, and is in the process of updating many of its travel restrictions and quarantine requirements, this Committee believes that it is imperative that the Safe Travels Program requirements be easily accessible, preferably at one website, and continually updated.

Currently, the Safe Travels Program <u>website</u> offers general instructions on how to register for the program, the Department of Health <u>portal</u> includes additional information on the specific travel requirements, and the Attorney General's <u>website</u> includes information on particular quarantine exemptions, including the county requirements (except for the City and County of Honolulu). These requirements are also In light of the various layers of added safety protocols in each county. It is the Committee's opinion that all relevant travel and quarantine information be included in one location to minimize confusion and increase compliance on the part of our local residents and incoming travelers. Additionally, we believe that this site information should be updated immediately upon the rollout of any additional program updates or Governor's Proclamations and, if possible, Mayor's orders as well.

The Committee requests that you respond to our recommendation and report how you plan to address our concerns by **4:00 pm, Monday, December 21, 2020.** Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Duncan Osorio at 586-6800 or via email at d.osorio@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz Senator Michelle N. Kidani Senator Sharon Moriwaki Senator Senator Senator Senator Senator Kurt Fevella

Cc: Senate President County Mayors