



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Caldwell:

The Senate Special Committee on COVID-19 has been working with the various State departments to address enforcement issues at the point of entry into our State. DOT Airports, in conjunction with law enforcement, have implemented a process to screen and obtain information from all incoming travelers to Hawaii. The information gathered is provided to the counties, both administrative and law enforcement, to help ensure compliance with the 14-day mandatory self-quarantine order. In short, the steps the State has implemented at the airports, include the following:

1. Verifies Traveler Forms and Traveler Identification:
 - a. DOT checkpoint matches names on the completed form with the traveler's identification.
 - b. Traveler signs Order for Self-Quarantine, confirming the information provided is true, complete, and accurate, and also acknowledging the quarantine requirements.
 - c. Traveler acknowledges that any violation of the Self-Quarantine order constitutes a criminal offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.
 - d. DOT checkpoint witnesses traveler's acknowledgment of the order.
2. Verifies Contact Number:
 - a. DOT checkpoint locates phone number on Travel Declaration Form and verifies it is accurate.
3. Verifies Non-Resident Return Flight:
 - a. DOT checkpoint verifies that any traveler staying fewer than 14 days has a roundtrip ticket. If not, the traveler must make a return reservation before leaving the checkpoint.

4. Verifies Quarantine Location:

- a. DOT checkpoint calls the hotel to verify the traveler's reservation and length of stay.

Despite these efforts at the airports, we have been receiving consistent reports from members of the public. They have observed, through social media or in person, travelers blatantly violating the quarantine orders. This is particularly frustrating to members of the public who are complying with the stay-at-home/stay-safe declarations imposed by the State and county in good faith. All the while, watching others flaunt their non-compliance with complete disregard for not only our laws but the health concerns behind these laws. Disturbingly, we have also received reports that the City and County of Honolulu have avoided addressing these public concerns of non-compliance with regularity.

We request that your administration make the enforcement of Hawaii's quarantine orders a priority by investigating and arresting people who violate them in our community, including returning residents and vacation rentals, which are currently classified as a non-essential business.

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Friday, May 15, 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.

Mahalo,

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
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Cc: Senate President
All Senators