

The Senate

STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

May 12, 2020

The Honorable David Ige Governor, State of Hawaii Executive Chambers 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

As the Department of Transportation has already suspended driver license renewals and its annual safety check requirement, the Special Committee on COVID-19 writes to urge you to suspend vehicle registration renewals through June 30.

Many residents have been laid off or furloughed, and a significant portion of these workers still have yet to receive unemployment insurance or pandemic unemployment assistance payments. If action is delayed, we anticipate this will only compound our residents' current financial predicaments. Additionally, residents, especially in rural areas, may have difficulty accessing critical services and programs.

The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 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 All Senators

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