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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Senate Special Committee on COVID-19  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Economic Recovery following COVID-19

Dear Senate Special Committee on COVID-19:

On behalf of my Cabinet Departments, we appreciate your request, and share your concerns related to the state of Hawai'i's economy, both while we recover from the Covid-19 emergency and into the future. Our goal is to get as many of our residents back to work as quickly and safely as possible, while we set in motion a plan to generate more jobs, diversity our Hawai'i economy, and ensure a more resilient Hawai'i moving forward. To that end, DBEDT and the Office of the Navigator are coordinating our state departments, county administrations, and private industry to leverage all of Hawai'i's resources into a plan that will bring our economy to a better normal.

Re-envisioning our Hawai'i to reduce our dependence on tourism, promote new industries, and create more jobs will take time and resources in staffing and funds. We respectfully ask for an extension to your requested deadline. We do not have a completion date at this time, but we propose that we continue to work with you to ensure all are updated. I assure you that this is a top priority for my Administration, and we will get this done quickly to ensure that our residents, and their children can continue to live and thrive in Hawai'i.

With warmest regards,

David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i