



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
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Adjutant General Kenneth Hara
Department of Defense
3949 Diamond Head Road
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Dear General Hara:

With the influx of federal funds to address state responses to the COVID-19 pandemic State of Hawaii must plan to expend funds in such a way as to maximize the impact of the State's efforts to curb the COVID-19 disease, to protect the public's health, and to strengthen Hawaii's economic response during this pandemic.

Given the State's need for expediency and transparency in the spending of these federal funds. The Committee on Ways & Means requests your initial plans, justifications, and line itemized budget to spend down the projected one hundred million dollar appropriation to the Department of Defense for COVID-19 response in SB75 Proposed HD1.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and request your response by **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12**. Please email your response to all Senate members.

Should you have any questions, please contact Committee Clerk Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Cc: Senate President
All Senators