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November 18, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members of the Senate
31st State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker and Members of the House
of Representatives
31st State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Disposition of the Safe Travels Thermal Screening and Tracing Camera Equipment and other Related Operations as requested in S.C.R. 193 of 2022.

In accordance with HRS 93-16, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/library/report/reports-to-the-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay".

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 193

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE COST-EFFECTIVE DISPOSITION OF THE SAFE TRAVELS THERMAL SCREENING AND TRACING CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RELATED OPERATIONS.

Introduction:

The thermal screening and tracing camera equipment maintenance contract was terminated on June 30, 2022. To be fiscally responsible, the Department of Transportation Airports Division (DOT-A) worked with airport stakeholders to agree on uses for the equipment for the betterment of the airport and travelling public.

Thermal Screening and Tracing camera Equipment Update:

The current thermal screening camera equipment is specific to thermal screening and cannot be repurposed, the tracing camera equipment and infrastructure of IT cabling and power can remain and be utilized for other purposes.

The DOT-A has repurposed some tracing cameras at HNL to supplement the security coverage in the parking structure. However, since the tracing cameras were installed to track people as they are approaching the camera, the viewing distance of these cameras are shorter than typical security cameras where the resolution remains of high quality when viewing at greater distances.

The DOT-A is continuing to assess the capabilities of the tracing cameras to repurpose them at appropriate locations. The DOT-A has advertised a facial biometric project at HNL to comply with the Customs and Border Protection Air Exit mandate to vet departing international passengers via facial biometrics. Potential bidders are being given the opportunity to utilize the infrastructure and IT cabling installed as part of the thermal screening project.

The thermal cameras will remain in place should their use be needed in another health pandemic.