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September 21, 2021

Mr. Max N. Otani, Director
Department of Public Safety
State of Hawaii
1177 Alakea Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Otani:

SUBJECT: EFFECTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND RELATED ISSUES UNDER THE HUMAN CONCERNS AND PARKS COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY (HCP-1(1))

As Chair of the Maui County Council's Human Concerns and Parks Committee, I am requesting information related to the impacts of COVID-19 on the operations of facilities in your Department's Corrections Division, including the precautions staff and incarcerated individuals are taking to protect themselves and our community.

To help the Committee prepare for a potential future discussion on this matter, may I please request you provide the Committee with responses to the following:

1. Please provide the number of facilities in your Department's Corrections Division, including the number of individuals incarcerated in each facility.
2. Please provide the number of incarcerated individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Please also include the type of vaccine and how many have received one dose or two doses.
3. Please clarify whether all incarcerated individuals are offered the COVID-19 vaccine, and if no, why not.

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4. Please describe the protocol for an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 while incarcerated.
5. Please describe the protocol for an incarcerated individual who tests positive for COVID-19 upon their release date.
6. Please comment on overcrowding in your facilities and how this issue is being addressed given the current challenges with COVID-19.
7. Please provide the number of incarcerated individuals who have been released from January 2021 to present, and how many of those individuals were vaccinated.
8. Please explain what challenges your Department is currently facing in vaccinating those who are incarcerated.
9. Please explain any other challenges you are experiencing in your Corrections Division facilities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

May I further request your written response no later than **October 11, 2021**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to hcp.committee@mauicounty.us and include the relevant Committee item number in your response's subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Laksmi Abraham at 808-270-7659, Wilton Leauanae at 808-270-7761, or Jean Pokipala at 808-270-8006).

Sincerely,



TASHA KAMA, Chair
Human Concerns and Parks Committee