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September 14, 2020

Mr. Michael Rembis, CEO Maui Memorial Medical Center 221 Mahalani St. Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Mr. Rembis:

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EFFECT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, RULES, CARES ACT, AND RELATED ISSUES (EDB-85)

At its meeting of August 27, 2020, the Economic Development and Budget Committee discussed the matter of the Coronavirus pandemic, rules, CARES Act, and related issues.

May I please request your response to the following:

- 1. Will Maui Health System continue to mass test hospital staff going forward? Why was mass testing not instituted prior to the second group of cases at the hospital?
- 2. Are there any discussions with local hotels to assist with quarantine for exposed staff?
- 3. Is Maui Health System providing access to showers and laundry services to help prevent staff from transmitting COVID to their families?
- 4. Have you ever run out of Remdesivir resulting in the death of a Maui County resident of COVID-19?
- 5. Has a patient ever had to give up their Intensive Care Unit bed and ventilator so that another family member has access to them?

- 6. Will the COVID pay benefit be extended past September 30, 2020?
- 7. Are the reports that COVID-19 is transmitted through aerosols accurate?
- 8. Has a plan been developed for tracking employee childcare and temporary housing expenses once the encumbered funds are released and will a report on these expenditures be provided to the County?

May I also request your written response no later than **September 25, 2020**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at 270-7886, or Yvette Bouthillier at 270-7758).

Sincerely,

KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair Economic Development and Budget

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