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### **CITY COUNCIL URGES GOVERNOR TO ISOLATE STATE FROM VISITORS**

On behalf of the Honolulu City Council, Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today sent a letter to Governor David Ige, urging the State to immediately implement more proactive steps to strongly discourage visitors from coming here in order to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the islands.

The letter, signed by all nine Councilmembers, lists six steps Gov. Ige should take including a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine for any future visitor, ordering the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the travel industry to immediately halt all advertising campaigns luring visitors with discounted rates, and deny entry to all cruise lines entering the State of Hawai'i.

*"It is our belief, with prudent and swift action, our isolation can be our asset in our efforts to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our residents," said Chairman Anderson. "We recognize these actions will have immediate and significant economic impacts, but we have grave concerns that a prolonged and widespread outbreak in our State will hurt our city for years."*

The Council also wants the governor to require all Hawai'i residents returning to the islands from the Mainland and foreign countries to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days. A number of local businesses have implemented this policy, but the Council believes it should be a statewide mandate.

Attached to this news release email is a copy of the Council's letter to Gov. Ige.

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