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CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTPONED

Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today announced the upcoming Council and Committee meetings have been postponed by one week due to the troubling spike in the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Honolulu Hale.

The Council learned on August 6 of the first positive case of COVID-19 within the legislative branch, and quickly provided free testing that same day to employees as a precautionary measure. Out of the 87 tests given, three came back as positive. The Mayor's Office reported that there were also seven city employees, previously identified as positive.

“The Council is being proactive and vigilant to keep our employees and the public safe as possible,” said Chairman Anderson. “I believe, out of an abundance of caution, postponing our Council and Committee meetings is the absolute right thing to do.”

The August 12th City Council meeting has been moved to the following week, August 19, 2020. The Committee meetings, previously scheduled for August 18, 19 and 20, will now take place on August 25, 26 and 27. All posting guidelines will still be in effect and posted on the City Council web sites: <http://www.honolulucitycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

This week, the Council will sanitize its offices and meeting rooms, and all areas where any affected employees had utilized. The legislative branch includes the Honolulu City Council, the Office of the City Clerk, Office of the City Auditor, and the Office of Council Services.

Another mass COVID-19 testing clinic was also held today at Honolulu Hale as the Council continues to work with the Mayor's Office, which announced earlier today that Honolulu Hale will be closed to the public until September 6. Effective immediately, all non-essential employees of the legislative branch, as identified and authorized by their respective hiring supervisor, may work from home until further notice.

Chairman Anderson continues to remind his colleagues and members of the entire legislative branch to stop meeting with visitors in Honolulu Hale to ensure the best proactive measures are being practiced.

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