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COVID-19 — HAWAII — 3/27/2020

Hawaii Legislature. On March 16, 2020, the Hawaii legislature suspended its 30th annual legislative session until further notice. All previously scheduled hearings and meetings have been canceled, and no additional meetings are expected to be scheduled until further notice.

On March 2, 2020, the Hawaii legislature passed [House Resolution 54](#), which established the [House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness](#) to work with representatives from local and state government, private industry, and nonprofit agencies and organizations to inform the House of Representatives on Hawaii's economic and financial preparedness related to a potential COVID-19 outbreak. The Committee is specifically tasked with:

- Identifying the potential economic and financial impact to the state.
- Developing short-term and long-term mitigation plans.
- Monitoring COVID-19 conditions and outcomes.

The Committee met for the first time on March 12, 2020, and was provided with several modeling resources regarding the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, including a [report](#) by the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Related Information. On March 16, 2020, Hawaii Governor David Ige extended the spring break vacation for Hawaii's public schools by an additional week to allow individual administrators to make decisions for their districts. On March 18, 2020, closure was extended for an additional week.

Numerous city mayors and county supervisors have asked Governor Ige to extend a shelter-in-place order for the state, but as of March 26, 2020, no such order has been placed. On March 21, 2020, Governor Ige mandated a 14-day quarantine period for all residents and visitors returning to Hawaii after travel. One day later, mayors of both Maui and Honolulu counties established a stay-at-home order effective until April 30, 2020.

Cases. As of 12:00 p.m. on March 25, 2020, the [Hawaii Department of Health](#) has confirmed a total of 95 cases of the COVID-19 virus, 5 of which required hospitalization. The majority of the cases, 68, are in Honolulu County. No deaths have been reported at this time.

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