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Senator Perez Urges the DPHSS to Visit DRT and Evaluate the Safety Protocols

Hagåtña, Guam— Senator Perez is urging the Department of Public Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, to visit the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT or Department) in order to evaluate the safety measures in place. Recent notices of DRT's suspension of services due to positive cases highlights the agency's need to re-assess its safety protocols in place for their employees.

“In light of the Governor's plan to ease restrictions, it is essential that the Department of Revenue and Taxation ensures the safety measures in place are adequate to protect the public as well as its dedicated employees,” said Senator Perez.

With the impending release of the second round of economic impact payments coupled with the Governor's easing of restrictions, DRT is bound to face an increase in the volume of visitors to its building.

“DRT is one of the busiest government agencies serving the public in-person and their employees have a significant amount of contact with the general public. The global pandemic we are facing has taught us that we must constantly adjust and readjust to new information or how we respond. It's a good practice to continuously review current methods to identify what is and isn't working and strengthen the areas of weakness, added Senator Perez.”

Senator Perez has spoken with DPHSS and DRT to facilitate a review of the safety protocols for DRT. “I want to commend DPHSS for assisting DRT, and its fellow government employee. Director San Agustin and the employees of DPHSS know first-hand of the safety challenges in serving the public,” Perez said.

“It is imperative that not only the public is kept safe, but the employees also need to be provided with the appropriate safety protocols and supplies to ensure their general welfare and safety. The vaccine is here, but with more than half the population still unvaccinated, we must remain vigilant in practicing social distancing parameters, wearing masks, and operating in sanitized and safe environments,” stated Perez.

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