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Hi Supervisors,

HHSA messed up on COVID - so how much do they need to fix it? I see a huge increase for coliform and enterococcus wastewater testing, and a 77% increase for rabies testing - are we thinking of the victim, probably lower income, living near a pit bull maybe. But why are we so concerned? Most coliform bacteria are not harmful. A person that has been exposed to certain of these bacteria may have an upset stomach, vomiting, fever, or diarrhea. Enterococci are typically not considered harmful to humans.

However, it seems to be a good excuse to close beaches. I pity the vendors who make their living from beachgoers.

I do not think that it is worth upsetting people's lives and people having fun in the sun (that is tourists and others - a bread-and-butter issue) for a few diseases which aren't that serious. If the authorities can wait 3 months to notify the public after a TB case, why make a big fuss about this?

Also, I see in the budget that the Land use & Environment Group is also testing water quality, so HHSA seems to be duplicating this and other services.

Please look into this.

Regards,

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