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Ms. Anne E. Perreira-Eustaquio
Acting Director
830 Punchbowl St., # 321
Honolulu, HI, 96813

Dear Acting Director Perreira- Eustaquio

RE: Seeking Clarification on the Structure of Federal and State Unemployment

On September 2, 2020, members engaged in discussion with you, intending to learn more about the newly structured unemployment process and to make clear the instructions for those impacted by these unsettling times. During our discussion, you compared the structures of the FEMA unemployment rate of \$400 and the state rate of \$300 for the Lost Wages Assistance Program, in addition to providing insight on the Governor's rationale for line-item vetoing the \$100 per-week rate for unemployment approved by the legislature.

The Committee request that you produce a public facing document to illustrate the structure of these programs, as well as the rationale of why the Governor, along with your Department, chose to construct the programs in these ways. It is the intent of this Committee to use the requested document to better inform the public of your efforts.

We appreciate all of your work thus far for the people of Hawaii and look forward to your response.

The Committee requests that you provide documentation of the requested information by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Ducan Osorio at 586-6800 or via email at d.osorio@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Senator Kurt Fevella

Cc: Senate President