



The Senate

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August 20, 2020

The Honorable David Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
415 South Beretania St., 5th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

We are in full support of prioritizing the health and well being of our residents and visitors through the reinstatement of targeted statewide and county COVID-19 restrictions to contain and subsequently decrease community spread. We do remain extremely concerned that many are continuing to experience economic hardships.

On August 8, 2020, President Trump issued a [Memorandum](#) on Authorizing the Other Needs Assistance Program for Major Disaster Declarations Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019. The memo outlined a provision for States to receive \$300/week in federal funds for unemployment insurance, with a required \$100/week state match, retroactive to August 1, 2020. We would like to request a reconsideration of the \$100/wk plus up unemployment insurance payments with funding from the \$230M CARES funding provided to the State of Hawai'i and appropriated in Act 9.

It is with urgency that we request that the state implement the \$100/wk plus up unemployment insurance payments. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that the State of Hawai'i can continue to support, serve, and protect our most vulnerable residents.

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The Committee appreciates your attention to this matter and respectfully requests a response by **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2020**. Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Duncan 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