



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 8, 2020

Ms. Rona Suzuki, Director
Department of Taxation
830 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Suzuki:

At the May 7, 2020 meeting held by the Senate's Special Committee on COVID 19, following discussions on the PUA process being followed by DLIR and DoTAX, you were asked to do, advise and or provide the following:

- A list of all PUA eligibility and submission requirements;
- An infographic, flowchart or picture illustrating the process for applying and the differences in eligibility for PUA and traditional unemployment insurance benefits.
- A general determination on whether a person who had previously received UI benefits which were exhausted. Then scheduled a job interview, which was then cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and if this person would qualify for PUA; and
- How long will it take an applicant to get approved for PUA and to then have the benefit deposited into their account.

The Committee requests your response by **Monday, May 11, 2020**

As for responses that you receive from the various parties listed in this memo, please provide this Committee with a copy of their responses, if any, as soon as they are received.

Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

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

cc: Senate President
All Senators