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EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENDED AGAIN

HONOLULU – President Obama signed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 on December 17, 2010, which extends the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through January 3, 2012. The Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR) estimates that up to 18,000 unemployed individuals in Hawai'i may receive a total of \$340 million dollars in benefits due to the extension of EUC.

"The extension of this program will help thousands of Hawai'i's residents provide for their families during the holiday season," Governor Abercrombie said. "This infusion of federal dollars will help accelerate Hawai'i's economic recovery. Moreover, these dollars will help support local businesses who face ongoing challenges during these tough economic times. While we welcome this respite from the hardship of job losses, the object of our Administration is to get everyone back to work as quickly as possible."

DLIR has mailed out 2,349 notices and forms for individuals that have exhausted their regular, state funded benefits. “To receive benefit checks in a timely fashion its very important that individuals complete and return the EUC application form and multiple weekly claim certification form to their claim offices for processing,” stated DLIR Interim Director Dwight Takamine. “Please fill out and mail the forms and do not use the Hawai‘i Tele-Claim or the online system. With the assistance of our dedicated staff all qualified persons will hopefully receive the financial relief they are entitled to.”

For the individuals who exhausted their Tier I and Tier II benefits and were not eligible to move up to the next Tier, the Department increased their maximum benefit amount to the next Tier and mailed out 600 revised monetary determinations on December 21, 2010 and December 22, 2010. After receiving their revised monetary determinations, these individuals can retroactively file their bi-weekly claim certifications by calling Hawai‘i Tele-Claim or using our online filing system at www.hawaii.gov/labor/ui.

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