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TO: The Honorable Senate Special Committee on COVID-19  
Hawaii State Senate

CC: The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President  
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CC: The Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker  
Hawaii State House of Representatives

FROM: <sup>al</sup> Anne E. Eustaquio, Acting Director  
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SUBJECT: Response to Letter Dated September 4, 2020

Please see the attached public facing documents that illustrate the structure of the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program and State Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (SPUC/\$100 plus-up) and how claimants can file for LWA. Additionally, LWA FAQs may be found at <http://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/main/faq-lost-wages-assistance-lwa/>.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Enclosures: LWA and SPUC Comparison Chart  
How to File for LWA

## Comparison between State Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (SPUC \$100 plus-up) and Lost Wages Assistance (LWA)

	<b>SPUC</b>	<b>LWA</b>
<b>What it is</b>	\$100 from a legislative program in additional benefits added to weekly benefit amount (WBA). Cannot be used to increase WBA.	\$300 in additional benefits under the federal/state unemployment program (Regular UI) in addition to their current WBA.
<b>Who qualifies</b>	Those receiving Regular UI, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and State Extended Benefits (EB).	Those receiving a WBA of at least \$100 on Regular UI, PEUC, EB, and all those receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).
<b>Who does not qualify</b>	Those receiving PUA as they are not eligible for Regular UI and those who have been disqualified from Regular UI. For example: those who are self-employed or have limited work history.	Those receiving less than a \$100 WBA on Regular UI, PEUC, and EB or have been disqualified from receiving Regular UI. All PUA claimants will qualify because the minimum WBA on PUA is \$263.
<b>Duration of the program</b>	Thru December 31, 2020 or until funds are depleted.	Thru the week ending December 26, 2020, unless FEMA expends the \$44 billion in the Disaster Relief Fund allotted by the president or if Congress passes a supplemental unemployment benefit program.
<b>How to apply for the program</b>	N/A	Regular UI claimants will need to certify on the HUI Claims account that their employment was affected by COVID-19.  PUA claimants have already certified this on their initial claim application.
<b>State matching</b>	N/A	State must match 25% of the benefit (\$100) through <u>either</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funds already used to pay Regular UI; or,</li> <li>2. As an additional \$100 benefit payment.</li> </ol>
<b>Any interaction between programs</b>	No interaction.	If the State provided an additional \$100 benefit payment through the LWA Program, claimants whose WBA is less than \$100 would still not be eligible for the LWA Program because the additional \$100 benefit payment cannot be included in their WBA amount.
<b>Why?</b>	Separate legislative program that would have provided an additional \$100 of benefits to those who were eligible (see above).	Presidential program that provides \$300 in additional benefits to claimants with a WBA of at least \$100.

# How to Enroll in the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program

## STEP 1: Log in to your UI Account

## STEP 2: Certify that you were unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19 (see screenshots below)

**HAWAII LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Were you unemployed or partially unemployed (e.g. had hours reduced) due to disruptions caused by COVID-19? \*

Yes  No



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Were you unemployed or partially unemployed (e.g. had hours reduced) due to disruptions caused by COVID-19? \*

**Yes**

I certify that my answer is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the law provides penalties for false statements or for withholding information in connection with this claim.



**Hawaii Lost Wages Assistance Program Confirmation**

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Your application for the Hawaii Lost Wages Assistance Program has been submitted on 09/04/2020 01:51 PM HST. Your confirmation number is 25721-0-248. Please print this page for your records. If you do not have a printer, please copy this number as proof of submission.

**Hawaii Lost Wages Assistance Program**

Were you unemployed or partially unemployed (e.g. had hours reduced) due to disruptions caused by COVID-19?  
**Y**