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The Honorable Kelly Merrick and Neal Foster  
Co-Chairs – House Finance  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: House Finance HB 151 – April 19, 2021 hearing

Dear Representatives Merrick and Foster,

Following the recent hearing on House Bill 151, I am providing additional information on questions posed by Representative Carpenter.

What percentage of weekly claim certifications are audited for work search validity?

Of the claimants required to do work searches, 5% are audited for work search validity. Workers in good standing with their union who seek work through their union are not required to register with job service or conduct work searches. There are other claimants who are deferred from the registration requirement for reasons such as attending an approved training. These individuals would also not be required to conduct work searches.

Roughly 22% of claimants are excused from the registration/work search requirements for valid reasons.

What is the hourly wage of current claimants? How many were receiving more in UI than they were through employment? What would the rough hourly rate need to be to equal the current weekly benefit amount including the \$75 DA and the \$300 FPUC payment?

Alaska Unemployment Insurance Claimants

	Percentage of March 2021 Claimants
Wage Replacement Rate	
0 - 25%	3%
26% - 50%	8%
51% - 75%	11%
76% - 100%	15%
> 100%	62%

#### Hourly Wage equivalent

\$0 - \$5 per hour	20%
\$5.01 - \$7.49 per hour	11%
\$7.5 - \$9.49 per hour	9%
\$9.5 - \$11.49 per hour	8%
11.50-13.49 per hour	7%
13.50-15.49 per hour	6%
>15.49 per hour	38%

Wage Replacement rate based on Total weekly benefit amount / Average weekly wage from reported Annual earnings

Hourly Wage equivalent based on Average weekly wage from reported Annual earnings / 40hrs per week

Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



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