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**FY 2016-17 STAFF FIGURE SETTING TABLED ITEMS
AND COMEBACKS**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

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Staff Recommendation Does Not Represent Committee Decision**

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Request: JBC staff recommended the inclusion of a footnote directing the Department to investigate reducing the fraud case threshold below \$10,000 once it addresses the fraud case backlog in the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Recommendation: Staff does not recommend inclusion of a footnote.

Analysis: The Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Employment (Department) has authority to set the threshold for fraud cases the Unemployment Insurance Investigations and Criminal Enforcement (ICE) unit investigate. Currently, the fraud cash threshold is set at \$10,000 and the Department reports there are 167 cases that exceed this threshold that are currently unassigned. The increased staff provided by the Committee approval of the Department request will address these cases.

After JBC staff presented recommendations on February 10, 2016, the Department did not express any objection to the footnote, however, it also explained that the Department would investigate reducing the threshold for fraud once the backlog of cases is addressed regardless of whether or not a footnote is included.

After subsequent conversations with the Department, JBC staff believes inclusion of the footnote would be redundant.