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## **Representative Anna V. Eskamani, Senator Bobby Powell, and Democratic Colleagues File Major Legislation to Fix Unemployment**

*Following calls for special session, these lawmakers have filed a comprehensive legislative proposal to fix unemployment in the 2021 legislative session*

**Tallahassee, FL** -- Following months of calls for a special legislative session to address Florida's criminally broken unemployment system, **Representative Anna V. Eskamani (D-Orlando)** and **Senator Bobby Powell (D-West Palm Beach)** have filed a comprehensive legislative proposal to fix the unemployment system in Florida.



House Bill 207 (Senate Bill number to be announced soon) would among many things set Florida's Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) to be at a maximum of \$500 and a minimum of \$100, increase the amount of weeks available to 26 weeks, establish a three week timeline for the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to provide an eligibility determination, create an Alternative Base Period (ABP) to allow for greater eligibility and implement an ombudsman to provide an oversight arm over DEO.

Please join both **Representative Eskamani** and **Senator Powell, Representative Ben Diamond** along with other Democratic colleagues and directly impacted Floridians for a press conference to roll out this comprehensive bill.

**WHO: Representative Anna V. Eskamani, Senator Bobby Powell**, fellow Democratic Colleagues & directly impacted people

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 13th at 10:00 - 10:30 AM

**WHERE:** Zoom & Facebook Live

**RSVP:** Press should contact [lauren.cooper@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:lauren.cooper@myfloridahouse.gov) for Zoom Link

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