



## NEWS RELEASE

Media Advisory

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Joint Oversight Hearing on Recent Audits of California's Employment Development Department

**Who:** The hearing will be jointly chaired by Assemblymember Tom Daly (D – Anaheim), chair of the Assembly Committee on Insurance, and Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D – Bakersfield), chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, also known as JLAC.

**What:** The hearing will focus on two recent audits of the Employment Development Department (EDD) by the California State Auditor – "Significant Weaknesses in EDD's Approach to Fraud Prevention Have Led to Billions of Dollars in Improper Benefit Payments" & "EDD's Poor Planning & Ineffective Management Left it Unprepared to Assist Californians Unemployed by COVID-19 Shutdowns."

**When:** Wednesday, February 3, from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

**Where:** Assembly Chamber, California State Capitol

The results of the audits will be presented by State Auditor Elaine Howle, along with Bob Harris, Audit Principal with the State Auditor's office.

The following individuals have been invited to respond, as well as to provide updates on EDD's programs & activities: Rita Saenz, Director, EDD; Carol Williams, Chief Deputy Director, Operations, EDD; Nancy Farias, Chief Deputy Director, External Affairs, Legislation, and Policy, EDD.

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*Assemblymember Tom Daly represents California's 69th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange and Santa Ana.*