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Stimulus payments for those overlooked by the federal Economic Impact Payments are one step closer to reaching Guam families. The Guam Legislature will resume session tomorrow, September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., to act on the proposed rules and regulations of the “*Ayuda I Mangafa Help for Families Program*” and advance its implementation. Speaker Tina Muña Barnes recognized the importance of acting on these measures expeditiously and waived the public hearing requirements.

Public Law 35-94, the “*Ayuda I Mangafa Help for Families Act*” was authored by Senator Shelton and provides a one-time stimulus payment of \$500 to Guam families with young adult dependents and individuals with disabilities not included under the federal stimulus package.

“Families are hurting, and the people of Guam should not have to wait any longer to receive the help they need. Our young people and individuals with disabilities are part of the framework of our community, and these families must not be left behind,” said Senator Shelton. **“Our people have waited long enough. This virus has no end in sight, and we must take swift action to get the people the help they need. They are counting on us.”**

Senator Shelton worked closely with the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) to shepherd the program into effect as quickly as possible. Bill 393 – 35 (LS) is the proposed rules and regulations from DRT for the *Ayuda I Mangafa Help for Families Program* required by the original P.L. 35-94 within 30 days of enactment. Bill 392-35 (LS) provides clarification to the program at the request of the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

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