
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address public
2 employment. More specifically, this Act:

3 (1) Extends the enabling law for the voluntary employees'
4 beneficiary association trust for six months in order
5 to provide for a smoother transition to the Hawaii
6 employer-union health benefits trust fund;

7 (2) Appropriates funds for five temporary positions to
8 assist in the voluntary employees' beneficiary
9 association trust transition; and

10 (3) Appropriates funds for five permanent positions to
11 perform other employer-union health benefits trust
12 fund duties.

13 The legislature finds that the employer-union health
14 benefits trust fund staff is encountering difficulties
15 performing its duties. The legislature believes that these
16 difficulties are the result of an increased and more complex



1 workload, shortage of personnel, and absence of board and
2 administrative leadership.

3 The legislature further finds that the enabling law for the
4 voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust, an
5 alternative health-benefits system utilized by the employee
6 organization for public school teachers, will sunset on July 1,
7 2010. The legislature declares that it does not intend to make
8 the enabling law permanent or to extend the sunset date for
9 another pilot testing period.

10 Notwithstanding this intent, the legislature finds that the
11 employer-union health benefits trust fund staff will have
12 extreme difficulty transitioning public school teachers and
13 their dependents from the voluntary employees' beneficiary
14 association trust to the employer-union health benefits trust
15 fund on July 1, 2010, while also performing their normal duties.
16 The legislature does not want to place an excessive burden on
17 the employer-union health benefits trust fund staff or cause
18 uncertainty for public school teachers and their dependents who
19 will have to transition from the voluntary employees'
20 beneficiary association trust.

21 Thus, the legislature finds that the voluntary employees'
22 beneficiary association trust enabling law should be extended



1 for six months and additional employer-union health benefits
2 trust fund personnel funded to assist in the transition as well
3 as to perform normal duties.

4 SECTION 2. Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, section
5 8, as amended by Act 294, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, section
6 2, as amended by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, section
7 18, as amended by Act 5, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii
8 2008, section 1, is amended to read as follows:

9 "SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
10 for the purpose of establishing a voluntary employees'
11 beneficiary association trust pilot program in March, 2006 and
12 shall be repealed on [~~July 1,~~] December 31, 2010; provided that
13 sections 89-2, 89-3, 89-6, and 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
14 are reenacted in the form in which they read on the day before
15 the effective date of this Act; and provided further that the
16 amendments made to section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by Act
17 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, shall not be repealed when
18 that section is reenacted on July 1, 2009."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
20 employer-union health benefits trust fund of the State of Hawaii
21 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
22 for fiscal year 2010-2011 for five temporary positions under the



1 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to assist in
2 the transition of public employees and their dependents from the
3 voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust to the Hawaii
4 employer-union health benefits trust fund on January 1, 2011.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
6 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
9 employer-union health benefits trust fund of the State of Hawaii
10 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
11 for fiscal year 2010-2011 for five permanent positions under the
12 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to assist in
13 the performance of duties of the trust fund.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
15 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of
16 this Act.

17 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Staffing;
Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Trust Transition

Description:

Extends the enabling law for the voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust from 07/01/10 to 12/31/10 in order to provide for a better transition to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund. Appropriates funds for more staff for the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1287 HD2)

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