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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the employer-union  
2 health benefits trust fund staff is encountering difficulties  
3 performing its duties. The legislature believes that these  
4 difficulties are the result of an increased and more complex  
5 workload, shortage of personnel, and absence of board and  
6 administrative leadership.

7           The legislature further finds that the enabling law for the  
8 voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust, an  
9 alternative health-benefits system utilized by the employee  
10 organization for public school teachers, will sunset on July 1,  
11 2010. The legislature finds that the employer-union health  
12 benefits trust fund staff will have extreme difficulty  
13 transitioning public school teachers and their dependents from  
14 the voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust to the  
15 employer-union health benefits trust fund on July 1, 2010, while  
16 also performing their normal duties. The legislature does not  
17 want to place an excessive burden on the employer-union health



1 benefits trust fund staff or cause uncertainty for public school  
2 teachers and their dependents who will have to transition from  
3 the voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust.

4 Thus, the legislature finds that the voluntary employees'  
5 beneficiary association trust enabling law should be extended by  
6 two years and additional employer-union health benefits trust  
7 fund personnel positions should be funded to assist in the  
8 performance of duties of the trust fund.

9 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Extend the enabling law for the voluntary employees'  
11 beneficiary association trust by two years in order to  
12 provide for a smoother transition to the Hawaii  
13 employer-union health benefits trust fund; and
- 14 (2) Appropriate funds for five permanent positions for the  
15 performance of employer-union health benefits trust  
16 fund duties.

17 SECTION 2. Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, section  
18 8, as amended by Act 294, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, section  
19 2, as amended by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, section  
20 18, as amended by Act 5, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii  
21 2008, section 1, is amended to read as follows:



1 "SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
 2 for the purpose of establishing a voluntary employees'  
 3 beneficiary association trust pilot program in March, 2006 and  
 4 shall be repealed on [~~July 1, 2010;~~] July 1, 2012; provided that  
 5 sections 89-2, 89-3, 89-6, and 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 6 are reenacted in the form in which they read on the day before  
 7 the effective date of this Act; and provided further that the  
 8 amendments made to section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by Act  
 9 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, shall not be repealed when  
 10 that section is reenacted on July 1, 2009."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii  
 12 employer-union health benefits trust fund of the State of Hawaii  
 13 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary  
 14 for fiscal year 2010-2011 for five permanent positions under the  
 15 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to assist in  
 16 the performance of duties of the trust fund.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
 18 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of  
 19 this Act.

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 5. 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 07/01/12 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. (SD1)

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