
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST
FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to address
2 the health benefits plan provided under the Hawaii
3 employer-union health benefits trust fund. The legislature
4 finds that this Act is necessary to reduce state and county
5 expenditures during the current budgetary crisis. The
6 legislature emphasizes that this Act is temporary and intended
7 to implement a cost-saving measure only during the current
8 crisis.

9 SECTION 2. **Definitions.** The definitions under section
10 87A-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be applicable for the
11 purpose of this Act.

12 In addition, "active employee" means an "employee" as
13 defined under that section, but excluding a retired member of
14 the employees' retirement system, county pension system, or
15 police, firefighters, or bandsmen pension system of the State or
16 county.



1 SECTION 3. **Minimum health care benefits; exception.** (a)
2 Notwithstanding section 87A-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any
3 other law to the contrary, except subsection (b), the Hawaii
4 employer-union health benefits trust fund shall make available
5 to active employees and their dependent-beneficiaries a health
6 benefits plan providing not more than the minimum health care
7 benefits required under section 393-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
8 The trust fund shall make available such a health benefits plan
9 through an insurer or on a self-funded basis from July 1, 2009,
10 until June 30, 2015. During this period, the trust fund shall
11 not make available to active employees or their dependent-
12 beneficiaries any other health benefits plan.

13 (b) The trust fund shall make available to retired
14 employees and their dependent-beneficiaries health benefits
15 plans in accordance with chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
16 This Act is not intended to affect the health benefits plans or
17 coverage of retired employees and their dependent-beneficiaries.

18 SECTION 4. **Effective date; repeal.** This Act shall take
19 effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on June 30, 2015;
20 provided that the repeal shall not affect any claims, rights, or



1 privileges that matured or liabilities or penalties that were
2 incurred during the period this Act is in effect.

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Report Title:

Employer-Union Trust Fund; Health Benefits Plan

Description:

Requires, from 7/1/2009 until 6/30/2015, the employer-union trust fund to provide to active employees and their dependent-beneficiaries the minimum health benefits plan required under the Hawaii prepaid health care act. Does not affect retired employees and their dependent-beneficiaries.

