
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4 "(a) The employer and the exclusive representative shall
5 meet at reasonable times, including meetings sufficiently in
6 advance of the February 1 impasse date under section 89-11, and
7 shall negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, the
8 benefits and amounts of contributions by the State and
9 respective counties to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits
10 trust fund or a voluntary employees' beneficiary association
11 trust to the extent allowed in subsection (e), and other terms
12 and conditions of employment that are subject to collective
13 bargaining and that are to be embodied in a written agreement as
14 specified in section 89-10, but the obligation does not compel
15 either party to agree to a proposal or make a concession[+]
16 ~~provided that the parties may not negotiate with respect to cost~~
17 ~~items as defined by section 89-2 for the biennium 1999 to 2001,~~
18 ~~and the cost items of employees in bargaining units under~~



1 ~~section 89-6 in effect on June 30, 1999, shall remain in effect~~
2 ~~until July 1, 2001]."~~

3 2. By amending subsections (d) and (e) to read:

4 "(d) Excluded from the subjects of negotiations are
5 matters of classification, reclassification, [~~benefits of but~~
6 ~~not contributions to the Hawaii employer union health benefits~~
7 ~~trust fund or a voluntary employees' beneficiary association~~
8 ~~trust,~~] and recruitment; examination; initial pricing; and
9 retirement benefits except as provided in section 88-8(h). The
10 employer and the exclusive representative shall not agree to any
11 proposal that would be inconsistent with the merit principle or
12 the principle of equal pay for equal work pursuant to section
13 76-1 or that would interfere with the rights and obligations of
14 a public employer to:

15 (1) Direct employees;

16 (2) Determine qualifications, standards for work, and the
17 nature and contents of examinations;

18 (3) Hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees
19 in positions;

20 (4) Suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary
21 action against employees for proper cause;



- 1 (5) Relieve an employee from duties because of lack of
2 work or other legitimate reason;
- 3 (6) Maintain efficiency and productivity, including
4 maximizing the use of advanced technology, in
5 government operations;
- 6 (7) Determine methods, means, and personnel by which the
7 employer's operations are to be conducted; and
- 8 (8) Take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the
9 missions of the employer in cases of emergencies.

10 This subsection shall not be used to invalidate provisions
11 of collective bargaining agreements in effect on and after
12 June 30, 2007, and shall not preclude negotiations over the
13 procedures and criteria on promotions, transfers, assignments,
14 demotions, layoffs, suspensions, terminations, discharges, or
15 other disciplinary actions as a permissive subject of bargaining
16 during collective bargaining negotiations or negotiations over a
17 memorandum of agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other
18 supplemental agreement.

19 Violations of the procedures and criteria so negotiated may
20 be subject to the grievance procedure in the collective
21 bargaining agreement.



1 (e) Negotiations relating to the benefits of and
2 contributions to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust
3 fund or a voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust
4 shall be for the purpose of agreeing upon the benefits under the
5 health benefits plan and amounts that the State and counties
6 shall contribute under sections 87A-32 through 87A-37, toward
7 the payment of the costs for a health benefits plan, as defined
8 in section 87A-1 and group life insurance benefits, and the
9 parties shall not be bound by the benefits and amounts
10 contributed under prior agreements [~~provided that section 89-11~~
11 ~~for the resolution of disputes by way of arbitration shall not~~
12 ~~be available to resolve impasses or disputes relating to the~~
13 ~~amounts the State and counties shall contribute to the Hawaii~~
14 ~~employer union health benefits trust fund or a voluntary~~
15 ~~employees' beneficiary association trust established under~~
16 ~~chapter 87D]."~~

17 SECTION 2. Section 89-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

19 "(g) The decision of the arbitration panel shall be final
20 and binding upon the parties on all provisions submitted to the
21 arbitration panel. [~~If the parties have reached agreement with~~
22 ~~respect to the amounts of contributions by the State and~~



1 ~~counties to the Hawaii employer union health benefits trust fund~~
2 ~~by the tenth working day after the arbitration panel issues its~~
3 ~~decision, the final and binding agreement of the parties on all~~
4 ~~provisions shall consist of the panel's decision and the amounts~~
5 ~~of contributions agreed to by the parties. If the parties have~~
6 ~~not reached agreement with respect to the amounts of~~
7 ~~contributions by the State and counties to the Hawaii employer-~~
8 ~~union health benefits trust fund by the close of business on the~~
9 ~~tenth working day after the arbitration panel issues its~~
10 ~~decision, the parties shall have five days to submit their~~
11 ~~respective recommendations for such contributions to the~~
12 ~~legislature, if it is in session, and if the legislature is not~~
13 ~~in session, the parties shall submit their respective~~
14 ~~recommendations for such contributions to the legislature during~~
15 ~~the next session of the legislature. In such event, the final~~
16 ~~and binding agreement of the parties on all provisions shall~~
17 ~~consist of the panel's decision and the amounts of contributions~~
18 ~~established by the legislature by enactment, after the~~
19 ~~legislature has considered the recommendations for such~~
20 ~~contributions by the parties.] It is strictly understood that~~
21 ~~no member of a bargaining unit subject to this subsection shall~~
22 ~~be allowed to participate in a strike on the issue of the~~



1 amounts of contributions by the State and counties to the Hawaii
2 employer-union health benefits trust fund. The parties shall
3 take whatever action is necessary to carry out and effectuate
4 the final and binding agreement. The parties may, at any time
5 and by mutual agreement, amend or modify the panel's decision.

6 Agreements reached pursuant to the decision of an
7 arbitration panel and the amounts of contributions by the State
8 and counties to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust
9 fund, as provided herein, shall not be subject to ratification
10 by the employees concerned. All items requiring any moneys for
11 implementation shall be subject to appropriations by the
12 appropriate legislative bodies and the employer shall submit all
13 such items within ten days after the date on which the agreement
14 is entered into as provided herein, to the appropriate
15 legislative bodies."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19 provided that the amendments made by this Act to section 89-
20 9(a), (d), and (e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not be
21 repealed when that section is reenacted on July 1, 2010,



1 pursuant to section 1 of Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii

2 2008.

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Report Title:

Collective Bargaining; Benefits; Contribution

Description:

Includes benefits of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund in collective bargaining negotiations; removes the authority and power of the Legislature to establish a contribution amount for the State and counties to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund. (SD1)

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