
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to add a trustee to
2 the board of trustees of the employer-union health benefits
3 trust fund to represent the interests of the counties.

4 According to the State of Hawaii 2008 Data Book there were
5 74,300 state workers and 18,550 county workers. For fiscal year
6 2007-2008, the total amount contributed to the employer-union
7 health benefits trust fund for health benefit plans was
8 \$551,754,581; of this amount \$307,468,074 came from the State,
9 \$128,636,434 came from the counties and county water supply
10 agencies, and \$115,650,073 was contributed by employees. Of the
11 total employer-union health benefits trust fund board
12 membership, there are five employer trustees on the board who
13 are currently state administration employees, and current law
14 does not include a provision for county representation. As
15 employers, the counties pay a substantial amount into the
16 employer-union health benefits trust fund and should have some
17 say on the board of trustees. Recently, decisions have been



1 made that affect the counties, including the decision to change
2 the prescription drug program, and have caught members by
3 surprise. Adding a trustee to the employer-union health
4 benefits trust fund to represent the counties will ensure
5 members are better informed of changes to the programs and
6 decisions are made that will take county interests into
7 consideration.

8 SECTION 2. Section 87A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 §87A-5 Composition of board. The board of trustees of the
11 employer-union health benefits trust fund shall consist of [~~ten~~
12 eleven trustees appointed by the governor in accordance with the
13 following procedure:

14 (1) Five trustees, one of whom shall represent retirees,
15 to represent employee-beneficiaries and to be selected
16 as follows:

17 (A) Three trustees shall be appointed from a list of
18 two nominees per trustee selected by each of the
19 three exclusive representative organizations that
20 have the largest number of employee-
21 beneficiaries;



1 (B) One trustee shall be appointed from a list of two
2 nominees selected by mutual agreement of the
3 remaining exclusive employee representative
4 organizations; and

5 (C) One trustee representing retirees shall be
6 appointed from a list of two nominees selected by
7 mutual agreement of all eligible exclusive
8 representatives; [~~and~~]

9 (2) Five trustees to represent public employers~~[-]~~; and

10 (3) One trustee to represent county public employers, to
11 be appointed from a list of two nominees selected by
12 the Hawaii State Association of Counties or, if that
13 association shall cease to exist, by a successor
14 organization composed of the members of the
15 councils of all Hawaii counties excluding the county
16 of Kalawao.

17 Section 26-34 shall not apply to board member selection and
18 terms. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no
19 exclusive representative of a bargaining unit that sponsors or
20 participates in a voluntary employee beneficiary association
21 shall be eligible to select nominees or to be represented by a
22 trustee on the board.



Report Title:

EUTF; Board of Trustees

Description:

Adds an eleventh trustee to the board of trustees of the EUTF to represent county public employers.

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