
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. The purpose of this Act is to limit the
2 contributions paid by the State and counties for the health
3 benefit plans of retired employees to the amount of the monthly
4 medicare part B premium paid by persons in the lowest income
5 level recognized under medicare part B.

6 SECTION 2. Section 87A-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§87A-33 State and county contributions; retired
9 employees. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, this
10 section shall apply to state and county contributions to the
11 fund for:

12 (1) The dependent-beneficiary of an employee who is killed
13 in the performance of duty;

14 (2) A dependent-beneficiary, upon the death of the
15 employee-beneficiary, except as provided in section
16 87A-36;



- 1 (3) An employee-beneficiary who retired after June 30,
2 1984, due to a disability falling within sections 88-
3 79 and 88-285;
- 4 (4) An employee-beneficiary who retired before July 1,
5 1984;
- 6 (5) An employee-beneficiary who:
7 (A) Was hired before July 1, 1996;
8 (B) Retired after June 30, 1984; and
9 (C) Who has ten years or more of credited service,
10 excluding sick leave;
- 11 (6) An employee-beneficiary who:
12 (A) Was hired after June 30, 1996; and
13 (B) Retired with twenty-five or more years of
14 credited service, excluding sick leave, except as
15 provided in section 87A-36; and
- 16 (7) Employees who retired prior to 1961 and their
17 dependent-beneficiaries.
- 18 (b) Effective July 1, 2003, there is established a base
19 monthly contribution for health benefit plans that the State,
20 through the department of budget and finance, and the counties,
21 through their respective departments of finance, shall pay to
22 the fund, up to the following:



- 1 (1) \$218 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in
- 2 supplemental medicare self plans;
- 3 (2) \$671 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in
- 4 supplemental medicare family plans;
- 5 (3) \$342 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in non-
- 6 medicare self plans; and
- 7 (4) \$928 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in non-
- 8 medicare family plans.

9 The monthly contribution by the State or county shall not
10 exceed the actual cost of the health benefits plan or plans. If
11 both husband and wife are employee-beneficiaries, the total
12 contribution by the State or county shall not exceed the monthly
13 contribution for a supplemental medicare family or non-medicare
14 family plan, as appropriate.

15 (c) Effective July 1, 2004, there is established a base
16 monthly contribution for health benefit plans that the State,
17 through the department of budget and finance, and the counties,
18 through their respective departments of finance, shall pay to
19 the fund, up to the following:

- 20 (1) \$254 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in
- 21 supplemental medicare self plans;



- 1 (2) \$787 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in
- 2 supplemental medicare family plans;
- 3 (3) \$412 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in non-
- 4 medicare self plans; and
- 5 (4) \$1,089 for each employee-beneficiary enrolled in non-
- 6 medicare family plans.

7 The monthly contribution by the State or county shall not
8 exceed the actual cost of the health benefit plan or plans and
9 shall not be required to cover increased benefits above those
10 initially contracted for by the fund for plan year 2004-2005.
11 If both husband and wife are employee-beneficiaries, the total
12 contribution by the State or county shall not exceed the monthly
13 contribution for a supplemental medicare family or non-medicare
14 family plan, as appropriate.

15 (d) The base composite monthly contribution shall be
16 adjusted annually, beginning July 1, 2005[-] and ending on June
17 30, 2010. The adjusted base composite monthly contribution for
18 each new plan year (July 1 until June 30) until June 30, 2009,
19 shall be calculated by increasing or decreasing the base
20 composite monthly contribution in effect through the end of the
21 previous plan year by the percentage increase or decrease in the
22 medicare part B premium rate for those years, which percentage



1 shall be calculated by dividing the medicare part B premium rate
2 in effect at the beginning of the new plan year by the rate in
3 effect at the beginning of the previous plan year.

4 For the plan year beginning July 1, 2005, the adjusted base
5 monthly contribution shall be computed using the actual
6 contracted premium rate as of July 1, 2004, for medicare and
7 non-medicare, self and family health benefits plans with the
8 highest actual contracted premium rate as of July 1, 2004.

9 (e) Effective July 1, 2010, there is established a base
10 monthly contribution for health benefit plans that the State,
11 through the department of budget and finance, and the counties,
12 through their respective departments of finance, shall pay to
13 the fund, which shall not exceed the amount of the monthly
14 medicare part B premium paid by persons in the lowest income
15 level recognized under medicare part B.

16 (f) As used in this [subsection,] section, "medicare part
17 B premium rate" means the rate published in the Federal Register
18 each year on November 1 or on the business day closest to
19 November 1 of each year after the medicare part B premium rate
20 has been established by the Secretary of Health and Human
21 Services and approved by the United States Congress.



1 [~~e~~] (g) If the board adopts a rate structure that
 2 provides for other than self and family rates for the health
 3 benefit plans, the base monthly contribution for the rate
 4 structure adopted by the board shall be adjusted to provide the
 5 equivalent underwriting cost as the base monthly contribution
 6 that is provided for in this section."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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