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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the counties need  
2 representation on the board of trustees of the employees'  
3 retirement system of the State. The counties contribute a  
4 considerable share to retirement system costs, and their  
5 employees and retirees are a significant portion of the system's  
6 membership. County representation will ensure that the board  
7 possesses expertise about county finances and the county  
8 workforce in making benefit decisions. Lack of representation  
9 may result in a situation where board members do not fully  
10 consider the costs of their actions on the counties, resulting  
11 in changes that may not be cost beneficial in the aggregate or  
12 may affect the retirement income of county employees and  
13 retirees.

14           The purpose of this Act is to include county representation  
15 on the membership of the board of trustees of the employees'  
16 retirement system.

17           SECTION 2. Section 88-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read as follows:



1           "§88-24   Composition of board.   The board of trustees shall  
2 consist of [~~eight~~] ten members as follows:

3           (1)   The director of finance of the State, ex officio;

4           (2)   [~~Four~~] Five members of the system, [~~two~~] three of whom  
5 shall be general employees, one of whom shall be a  
6 teacher, and one of whom shall be a retirant to be  
7 elected by the members and retirants of the system  
8 under rules adopted by the board governing the  
9 election to serve for terms of six years each, one of  
10 the terms to expire on January 1 of each even-numbered  
11 year; provided that, if after the close of filing of  
12 petitions for candidacy, a member is unopposed for  
13 election to a trustee position, the member shall be  
14 deemed and declared to be duly and legally elected to  
15 the position of trustee without an election; [~~and~~]

16          (3)   Three citizens of the State who are not employees, one  
17 of whom shall be a responsible officer of a bank  
18 authorized to do business within the State, or a  
19 person of similar experience, to be appointed by the  
20 governor, with the advice and consent of the senate,  
21 to serve for a term of six years each, one of the



1 terms to expire January 1 of each odd-numbered  
2 year[-]; and  
3 (4) One member appointed by the Hawaii council of mayors,  
4 subject to confirmation by the Senate in the same  
5 manner as trustees appointed by the governor, to serve  
6 for a term of six years with each term to expire on  
7 January 1 of an odd-numbered year.

8 Each trustee shall serve until the trustee's successor is  
9 elected or appointed, as the case may be, and qualified. For  
10 the purpose of this section, the term "general employees"  
11 includes police officers and firefighters."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Report Title:**

Employees' Retirement System; Board of Trustees

**Description:**

Increase the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System to ten with a member selected by the Council of Mayors who is confirmed by the Senate and adding an additional member who belongs to the system. (SB2174 HD1)

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