

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 2, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 437
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 437 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support members of the military by providing extended health benefits coverage under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) for dependent-beneficiaries who are unmarried full-time students and called to active duty in federal service while a member of the military reserves.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill.

EUTF rules limit health benefits eligibility for dependent-beneficiaries to under age 24 for those who are full-time students and unmarried children of employee-beneficiaries. Your Committee finds there may be occasions when these dependent-beneficiaries may lose periods of coverage after being called to active military duty. This bill seeks to restore these lost health benefits.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring that the administrative rules implementing this measure be adopted pursuant to the requirements of chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes;



- (2) Making the amount of extended health benefits coverage the length of time that the dependent-beneficiary was deployed after being called to active duty while a full-time student under the age of 24; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 437, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 437	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 1-26-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
7. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	/			
TOTAL (12)	12			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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