

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2175
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2175, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure fair representation on the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (Board) by requiring that one public employer member on the Board be appointed by the Hawaii Council of Mayors to represent the counties.

The Hawaii Council of Mayors and Hawaii State Association of Counties testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Resources Development and Department of Budget and Finance testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees Association provided comments.

Although the current representation on the Board is established in such a way to ensure that a balance exists between members representing the interests of both public employers and employees, current Board membership lacks county representation. As counties contribute a considerable share to EUTF costs and their employees and retirees are members of the EUTF, it seems only fair that some form of county representation be established on the Board.



While your Committee is aware that another measure is currently making its way through the legislative process that seeks to overhaul the Board and would make this legislation unnecessary, this measure deserves further consideration and should continue to be discussed.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, 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 S.B. No. 2175, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2175, S.D. 1, 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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2175, SD1	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 3-12-10		
<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)	10	1	-	1
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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