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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL
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ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2059

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

Senate Bill No. 2059 provides for adding an 11th member to the Board of Trustees.

This member is to be selected to represent county public employers which currently have no members on the board despite contributing a substantial amount to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

We have no position on having a member on the Board of Trustees to represent the counties. However, if an 11th member is added to of the Board, we suggest a neutral member. A neutral 11th member who would be able to assist in working through board deadlocks and balance the needs of both parties would better serve the Board.