
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 convene a task
2 force in the department of budget and finance to examine the
3 unfunded liability of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits
4 trust fund.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a Hawaii employer-
6 union health benefits trust fund task force within the
7 department of budget and finance for administrative purposes to
8 consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two members from the house of representatives selected
10 by the speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (2) Two members from the senate selected by the senate
12 president;

13 (3) Four members representing the State's unions;

14 (4) The director of budget and finance, or the director's
15 designee;

16 (5) The State's chief negotiator, or the chief
17 negotiator's designee; and



- 1 (6) Two members selected by the governor.
- 2 The director of budget and finance, or the director's
3 designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The
4 task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2014.
- 5 (b) The members of the task force shall serve without
6 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
7 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.
8 No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a
10 member of that task force.
- 11 SECTION 3. The Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust
12 fund task force shall examine the unfunded liability of the
13 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund, including:
- 14 (1) The current and projected unfunded actuarial accrued
15 liability of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits
16 trust fund;
- 17 (2) The availability of medical benefits plans other than
18 plans that pay or reimburse medical services providers
19 under a fee-for-service model; provided that the task
20 force shall explore alternative medical benefits
21 plans;



- 1 (3) The costs and benefits of alternative medical benefits
2 plans in relation to the medical benefits plans
3 currently offered by the trust fund;
- 4 (4) An evaluation of the costs and process of
5 transitioning from the current medical benefits plans
6 to an alternative medical benefits plan, including
7 recommended proposed legislation; and
- 8 (5) Any other matters that are relevant to gaining a full
9 and meaningful understanding of the circumstance of
10 the trust fund.

11 SECTION 4. The director of budget and finance, in
12 consultation with the task force, shall submit a report to the
13 legislature, including findings, recommendations, and
14 implementing draft legislation no later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2014.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Task Force

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Task Force within the Department of Budget and Finance to examine the unfunded liability of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. (HB546 HD1)

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