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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND
TASK FORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 268, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending section 2 to read:

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

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

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

12 (3) The director of finance, or the director's designee;

13 (4) One member from the Hawaii Council of Mayors;

14 (5) One member from the Hawaii State Association of
15 Counties;

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1 (6) Four members representing public sector unions who
2 shall be invited to participate by the director of
3 finance;

4 (7) One member representing public employee retirees who
5 shall be invited to participate by the director of
6 finance; and

7 (8) Four members representing the respective interests of
8 the four counties who shall be selected by the
9 governor.

10 The director of finance, or the director's designee, shall
11 serve as the chairperson of the task force. The task force
12 shall cease to exist on June 30, [~~2014.~~] 2015.

13 (b) The members of the task force shall serve without
14 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
15 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.
16 No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a
18 member of that task force."

19 2. By amending sections 4 and 5 to read:

20 "SECTION 4. The director of finance, in consultation with
21 the task force, shall submit a report to the legislature,
22 including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation,

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1 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
2 session of [~~2014.~~] 2015.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$185,750 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to support
6 the work of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund
7 task force, including necessary travel expenses for task force
8 members who reside outside of Oahu and consulting services of
9 persons knowledgeable in relevant issues. The sum appropriated
10 shall not lapse at the end of fiscal year 2013-2014; provided
11 that any unexpended and unencumbered balance of the
12 appropriation as of the close of business on June 30, 2015,
13 shall lapse as of that date.


14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 budget and finance for the purposes of this part."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Task Force

Description:

Extends the sunset date and the report due date of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Task Force and extends the lapse date of the appropriation to support the task force to June 30, 2015, by amending Act 268, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Finance

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND TASK FORCE.

PURPOSE: The purposes are to extend the current June 30, 2014, sunset for the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Task Force for an additional year, and to extend the lapse date of the appropriation to support the task force to June 30, 2015, by amending Act 268, Session Laws Hawaii 2013.

MEANS: Amend sections 2, 4, and 5 of Act 268, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

JUSTIFICATION: Due to the composition of the task force, and difficulties in constituting the necessary number of members, and difficulties in establishing a date to meet with quorum, an extension of the current requirement to provide the Legislature with findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation is being proposed. Furthermore, given the broad scope of the task force's responsibilities, geographical location of the task force members, and the planned use of external support, the funding for the task force, which is set to lapse on June 30, 2014, is being extended to June 30, 2015.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

None.

GENERAL FUND: \$185,750.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

BUF 101.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 29, 2014.