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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the counties need  
2 representation on the board of trustees of the Hawaii employer-  
3 union health benefits trust fund. The counties contribute a  
4 substantial amount to the fund, and the health and well-being of  
5 their employees and retirees depend upon the benefit decisions  
6 made by the board of trustees. Despite their lack of  
7 representation as public employer, the counties are affected by  
8 board decisions.

9           The purpose of this Act is to require that one of the five  
10 seats on the board that are allocated to public employers be  
11 occupied by a member appointed by the mayors of all four  
12 counties and approved by the Hawaii State Association of  
13 Counties.

14           SECTION 2. Section 87A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "**§87A-5 Composition of board.** The board of trustees of  
17 the employer-union health benefits trust fund shall consist of



1 ten trustees appointed [~~by the governor~~] in accordance with the  
2 following procedure:

3 (1) Five trustees[~~7~~] appointed by the governor, one of  
4 whom shall represent retirees, to represent employee-  
5 beneficiaries and to be selected as follows:

6 (A) Three trustees shall be appointed from a list of  
7 two nominees per trustee selected by each of the  
8 three exclusive representative organizations that  
9 have the largest number of employee-  
10 beneficiaries;

11 (B) One trustee shall be appointed from a list of two  
12 nominees selected by mutual agreement of the  
13 remaining exclusive employee representative  
14 organizations; and

15 (C) One trustee representing retirees shall be  
16 appointed from a list of two nominees selected by  
17 mutual agreement of all eligible exclusive  
18 representatives; and

19 (2) Five trustees to represent public employers[~~7~~], four  
20 of whom shall be appointed by the governor, and one of  
21 whom shall be appointed by unanimous agreement of the  
22 mayors of each of the four counties and approved by



1           the Hawaii State Association of Counties to represent  
2           the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of  
3           Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; provided that if the counties  
4           do not make an appointment within sixty days, the  
5           governor may make the appointment.

6           Section 26-34 shall not apply to board member selection and  
7 terms. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no  
8 exclusive representative of a bargaining unit that sponsors or  
9 participates in a voluntary employee beneficiary association  
10 shall be eligible to select nominees or to be represented by a  
11 trustee on the board.

12           As used in this section, the term "exclusive  
13 representative" shall have the same meaning as in section 89-2."

14           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



# S.B. NO. 556

**Report Title:**

HSAC Package; EUTF; Board of Trustees; Appointment

**Description:**

Requires that one of the five trustees representing public employers be appointed by the mayors of the counties, with the approval of the Hawaii State Association of Counties, to specifically represent the counties.

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