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DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2664

February 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND

Chairs Keith-Agaran and Baker, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not had an opportunity to take a position on this bill. However, the Committee should be aware that currently the EUTF has added all of the benefits mandated by this bill to the EUTF active employee and retiree medical plans, excluding the HSTA VB plans offered by the EUTF. Only the autism and orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies benefits has not been added to the HSTA VB active employee and retiree plans as mandated by this bill. The HSTA VB active employee and retiree plans were created in accordance with Kono, et al v. Abercrombie lawsuit for the members in the Hawaii State Teachers Association Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Trust (HSTA VEBA) as they transitioned from the HSTA VEBA to the EUTF. On

EUTF's Mission: We care for the health and well being of our beneficiaries by striving to provide quality benefit plans that are affordable, reliable, and meet their changing needs. We provide service that is excellent, courteous, compassionate, and informative.

January 1, 2011, the HSTA VEBA members, who voluntarily elected to, were moved to the HSTA VB plans created by the EUTF. Generally, the EUTF has maintained the same level of benefits for the HSTA VB plans unless mandated by law. The addition of the autism and orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies benefits to the HSTA VB active employee and retiree plans would cost the active employees, employers and retirees over \$325,000 annually.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 12, 2016

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
and Health

Re: SB 2664 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Chair Baker, Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2664, which require the Employer-Union Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) to provide healthcare coverage for all benefits mandated under State statute. HMSA supports this Bill.

Even before the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, the people of Hawaii covered under a private health plan have been afforded a statutorily protected, rich array of healthcare benefits.

This legislation will eliminate an exemption from State-mandated health benefit coverage afforded the EUTF. It will provide equity in the local healthcare system by guaranteeing EUTF members and their family equal access to healthcare services and treatment required under State statutes.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on SB 2664.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Government Relations.

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