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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii employer-  
2 union health benefits trust fund (EUTF) would operationally  
3 benefit from employing certain EUTF staff through the civil  
4 service system. The purpose of this Act is to permit the EUTF  
5 to employ certain EUTF staff through the civil service system.

6           SECTION 2. Section 87A-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "**§87A-24 Other powers.** In addition to the power to  
9 administer the fund, the board may:

- 10           (1) Collect, receive, deposit, and withdraw money on  
11           behalf of the fund;
- 12           (2) Invest moneys in the same manner specified in section  
13           88-119;
- 14           (3) Hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, or dispose of  
15           any securities or other investments of the fund, as



- 1 well as the proceeds of those investments and any  
 2 money belonging to the fund;
- 3 (4) Appoint, and at pleasure dismiss, an administrator and  
 4 other fund staff. The administrator [~~and staff~~] shall  
 5 be exempt from chapter 76 [~~and~~]. Other fund staff may  
 6 be exempt from chapter 76 as determined by the board.  
 7 The administrator and staff who are exempt from  
 8 chapter 76 shall serve under and at the pleasure of  
 9 the board; provided that civil service exempt  
 10 positions under this section that are created after  
 11 July 1, 2014, shall be exempt from section  
 12 76-16(b)(17)(A);
- 13 (5) Make payments of periodic charges and pay for  
 14 reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the  
 15 purposes of the fund;
- 16 (6) Contract for the performance of financial audits of  
 17 the fund and claims audits of its insurance carriers;
- 18 (7) Retain auditors, actuaries, investment firms and  
 19 managers, benefit plan consultants, or other  
 20 professional advisors to carry out the purposes of  
 21 this chapter, including the retaining of an actuary to



1 determine the annual required public employer  
2 contribution for the separate trust fund established  
3 under section 87A-42;

4 (8) Establish health benefits plan and long-term care  
5 benefits plan rates that include administrative and  
6 other expenses necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
7 the fund; and

8 (9) Require any department, agency, or employee of the  
9 State or counties to furnish information to the board  
10 to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii  
12 employer-union health benefits trust fund the sum of \$  
13 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018  
14 and the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary  
15 for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Hawaii employer-union health  
16 benefits trust fund to employ certain Hawaii employer-union  
17 health benefits trust fund staff through the civil service  
18 system.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
20 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of  
21 this Act.



1           SECTION 4. The Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust  
2 fund shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
3 including any proposed legislation, regarding changes to its  
4 personnel and operations as a result of this Act, to the  
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
6 the regular sessions of 2018 and 2019.

7           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Public  
Employment; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund  
to employ staff through the civil service system. Appropriates  
funds. (SB935 HD1)

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