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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  
16           well as the proceeds of those investments and any  
17           money belonging to the fund;



- 1           (4) Appoint, and at pleasure dismiss, an administrator and  
2           other fund staff. The administrator [~~and staff~~] shall  
3           be exempt from chapter 76 and staff may be exempt from  
4           chapter 76. The administrator and staff shall serve  
5           under and at the pleasure of the board[+]. Positions  
6           that were created pursuant to this section after  
7           July 1, 2014, shall be exempt from section  
8           76-16(b)(17)(A);
- 9           (5) Make payments of periodic charges and pay for  
10           reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the  
11           purposes of the fund;
- 12           (6) Contract for the performance of financial audits of  
13           the fund and claims audits of its insurance carriers;
- 14           (7) Retain auditors, actuaries, investment firms and  
15           managers, benefit plan consultants, or other  
16           professional advisors to carry out the purposes of  
17           this chapter, including the retaining of an actuary to  
18           determine the annual required public employer  
19           contribution for the separate trust fund established  
20           under section 87A-42;



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

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

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the fund the sum  
9 of \$86,837 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
10 year 2017-2018 and the sum of \$104,616 or so much thereof as may  
11 be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Hawaii employer-  
12 union health benefits trust fund to employ certain Hawaii  
13 employer-union health benefits trust fund staff through the  
14 civil service system.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
16 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of  
17 this Act.

18 SECTION 4. The Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust  
19 fund shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
20 including any proposed legislation, regarding changes to its  
21 personnel and operations as a result of this Act, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular sessions of 2018 and 2019.

3 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF); Public Employment; Appropriation

**Description:**

Classifies EUTF staff positions created after 7/1/2014 to be designated civil service employees. Appropriates funds for EUTF to employ staff through the civil service system. Takes effect 1/7/2059. (SD1)

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