

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 928

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 928 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND DEFINITION OF "DEPENDENT-BENEFICIARY", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "dependent-beneficiary" under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) to clarify eligibility of children for participation in fund benefit plans; and
- (2) Conform the definition of "dependent-beneficiary" to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that the existing definition of "dependent-beneficiary" in section 87A-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, allows for a child born to or adopted by an employee's or retiree's surviving spouse after the death of the employee or retiree to receive EUTF benefits. Your Committee finds that EUTF benefits should only cover natural or adopted children of a deceased state employee or retiree. Your Committee also finds



that it is important for EUTF definitions to be consistent with existing federal law.

Your Committee notes that this measure's title contains a typographical error and recommends that the EUTF work with your Committee on Ways and Means to find a more appropriate vehicle for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 928 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 928	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 2/13/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes