

SB 930, SD2

**RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION
HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.**

LAB, FIN

SB930 SD2



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Measure Title: RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Report Title: Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Forfeiture

Description: Provides a means for the EUTF to void claims for reimbursement of medicare part B premiums or any other debt payable that total less than \$500 and are older than ten years. Effective 1/7/2059. (SD2)

Companion: [HB1064](#)

Package: Governor

Current Referral: LAB, FIN

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/25/2017	S	Introduced.
1/25/2017	S	Passed First Reading.
1/25/2017	S	Referred to JDL, WAM.
2/9/2017	S	The committee(s) on JDL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-13-17 9:30AM in conference room 016.
2/13/2017	S	The committee(s) on JDL recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in JDL were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Keith-Agaran, K. Rhoads, Gabbard, L. Thielen; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Kim.
2/16/2017	S	Reported from JDL (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 376) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to WAM.
2/16/2017	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.
2/17/2017	S	The committee(s) on WAM has scheduled a public hearing on 02-22-17 9:30AM in conference room 211.

2/22/2017	S	The committee(s) on WAM recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in WAM were as follows: 10 Aye(s): Senator(s) Tokuda, Dela Cruz, English, Galuteria, Harimoto, Inouye, Riviere, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) K. Kahele.
3/2/2017	S	Reported from WAM (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 566) with recommendation of passage on Third Reading, as amended (SD 2).
3/2/2017	S	48 Hrs. Notice 03-07-17.
3/7/2017	S	Report adopted; Passed Third Reading, as amended (SD 2). Ayes, 25; Aye(s) with reservations: none . Noes, 0 (none). Excused, 0 (none). Transmitted to House.
3/7/2017	H	Received from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 297) in amended form (SD 2).
3/9/2017	H	Pass First Reading
3/9/2017	H	Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 27
3/13/2017	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by LAB on Thursday, 03-16-17 9:00AM in House conference room 309.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY 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) currently does not have
3 a means to void claims for insignificant amounts of unclaimed
4 property after a sufficient time period has passed. As a
5 covered entity under the federal Health Insurance Portability
6 and Accountability Act of 1996, the EUTF is precluded from
7 submitting unclaimed property to the department of budget and
8 finance unclaimed property program. Under section 523A-19(c),
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the state unclaimed property program
10 voids claims for unclaimed property if the claim is for less
11 than \$100 and filed more than ten years after the date that the
12 full amount of the claim was deposited in the unclaimed property
13 trust fund.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide a means for the EUTF
15 to void claims for reimbursement of medicare part B premiums or



1 any other debt payable that total less than \$500 and are older
2 than ten years.

3 SECTION 2. Section 87A-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§87A-31 Trust fund; purpose.** (a) The fund shall be used
6 to provide employee-beneficiaries and dependent-beneficiaries
7 with health and other benefit plans, and to pay administrative
8 and other expenses of the fund. All assets of the fund are and
9 shall be dedicated to providing health and other benefits plans
10 to the employee-beneficiaries and dependent-beneficiaries in
11 accordance with the terms of those plans and to pay
12 administrative and other expenses of the fund, and shall be used
13 for no other purposes except for those set forth in this
14 section.

15 (b) The fund, including any earnings on investments, and
16 rate credits or reimbursements from any carrier or self-insured
17 plan and any earning or interest derived therefrom, may be used
18 to stabilize health and other benefit plan rates; provided that
19 the approval of the governor and the legislature shall be
20 necessary to fund administrative and other expenses necessary to
21 effectuate these purposes.



1 (c) The fund may be used to provide group life insurance
2 benefits to employees to the extent that contributions are
3 provided for group life insurance benefits in sections 87A-32
4 and 87A-37.

5 (d) The fund may assist the State and the counties to
6 implement and administer cafeteria plans authorized under Title
7 26 United States Code section 125, the Internal Revenue Code of
8 1986, as amended, and section 78-30.

9 (e) At the discretion of the board, some or all of the
10 fund may be used as a reserve against or to pay the fund's
11 future costs of providing health and other benefits plans
12 established under sections 87A-23 and 87A-37 and any other
13 benefits plans the board establishes for retired employees and
14 their beneficiaries. The board may create separate funds within
15 the fund for this purpose. Each separate fund shall be subject
16 to all of the provisions of this chapter.

17 (f) If after commencing the reimbursement of medicare part
18 B premiums in section 87A-23, or any other debt payable under
19 this chapter, the fund cannot locate the employee-beneficiary or
20 other person or entity entitled to payment, further payment
21 shall be forfeited to the fund if the total amount is less than



1 \$500 and shall not escheat under the laws of any state; provided
2 that the forfeited payment shall be restored if the employee-
3 beneficiary, or other person or entity entitled to the forfeited
4 payment, makes a proper application to the fund for restoration
5 of the benefit no later than ten years following the last valid
6 reimbursement or payment. All applications for restoration of a
7 forfeited benefit or payment shall be in a form satisfactory to
8 the fund. For forfeited benefits or payments in existence on
9 June 30, 2017, the ten-year time limitation on claiming the
10 benefits or payments shall commence on July 1, 2017."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



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DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON SENATE BILL NO. 930 S.D. 2

March 16, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Room 309

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee:

The EUTF Board of Trustees strongly supports this Administration bill. This bill will provide the EUTF with a mechanism to void unclaimed property in a similar fashion to the Department of Budget and Finance Unclaimed Property Program (Unclaimed Property Program). EUTF is not allowed to transmit most unclaimed property to the Unclaimed Property Program because of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA), as the EUTF's unclaimed property contains protected health information.

The EUTF's proposed criteria to void unclaimed property (i.e. less than \$500 and outstanding over 10 years) is slightly different (in dollar amounts) than the Unclaimed Property Program (i.e. less than \$100 and outstanding over 10 years) because of the high percentage of EUTF unclaimed property currently outstanding over 180 days, less than

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 informed service that is excellent, courteous, and compassionate.

\$350 and greater than or equal to \$100 as of December 31, 2016:

- Less than \$100: 49 (11%) totaling \$1,824 (2%)
- Greater than or equal to \$100 and less than \$350 378 (85%) totaling \$101,705 (89%)
- Greater than or equal to \$350: 18 (4%) totaling \$10,260 (9%)

The high number of unclaimed property less than \$350 and greater than or equal to \$100 results as the majority of the EUTF unclaimed property relates to quarterly Medicare Part B premium reimbursements of \$314.70 (\$104.90 monthly Medicare Part B premium for 2016 x 3 months). As this quarterly reimbursement is expected to increase in the future (e.g. retirees who enroll in Medicare Part B after December 31, 2016 have a higher quarterly reimbursement of \$402 = \$134 monthly premium x 3 months for 2017), EUTF requests a threshold of \$500 to avoid continual requests to increase the amount.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Late Testimony