

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1204
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1204, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND DEFINITIONS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to amend statutory provisions governing the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) for purposes of conformity with federal law and consistency with other state statutes. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Clarifies eligibility of the children of employee-beneficiaries, retiree-beneficiaries, and deceased beneficiaries for participation in EUTF benefit plans;
- (2) Conforms eligibility criteria for dependents of an employee-beneficiary to federal requirements; and



- (3) Conforms references to spousal relationships for purposes of eligibility criteria to current state law relating to marriage equality and the availability of civil unions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the EUTF offers health benefits to dependents of state and county employees and retirees. Your Committee on Conference further finds that a child born or legally adopted after an employee's or retiree's death who is not the natural or adopted child of the deceased employee or retiree should not be eligible to participate in fund benefit plans because the child is not the child of the state or county employee or retiree. Your Committee on Conference also finds that there is inconsistency in the date of termination of coverage between surviving children of employees who are killed in the performance of their duties and surviving children of employees who are eligible for retirement. This measure will provide greater clarity on these issues and will also bring other definitions within the EUTF law into conformity with state and federal law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1204, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1204, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE




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Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
TANIGUCHI, Brian T., Chr.	✓				JOHANSON, Aaron Ling, Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				ELI, Stacelynn K.M., Co-Chr.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.	✓				MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓					
TOTAL	3	0	0	1	TOTAL	3	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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