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**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE**  
**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**ON HOUSE BILL NO. 979 H.D. 1**

**February 22, 2019**  
**12:30 P.m.**  
**Room 308**

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The EUTF Board of Trustees strongly supports this Administration bill. This bill ensures that chapter 87A-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes conforms to federal and state laws. The change to comply with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) removes the requirement that a "child" be unmarried and live with the employee since ACA does not contain such requirements for coverage of children up to age 26 for active employee medical and prescription drug plans. The second change amends chapter 87A-1, Hawaii Revised Statute references to spouses to be consistent with chapter 572B, Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding civil unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**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.