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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 675

**February 5, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 225**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not been able to take a position on this bill. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021. EUTF staff would like to provide information and comments.

The intent of this bill is to provide continued health benefit coverage to the surviving children with mental or physical incapacity when the retiree and the retiree's spouse is no longer living and/or eligible. It provides healthcare for the children or retirees who dedicated their lives to public service. However, with any benefit enhancement comes additional costs to the employers. Currently, there are 412 such dependents on EUTF health plans. The average age of these currently enrolled dependents is 40 and the average age of the subscriber is 73. The estimated annual premiums for one such dependent are \$6,364

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.