A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 383-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended by amending the definition of "adequate reserve fund" to

3 read as follows:

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4 ""Adequate reserve fund" means an amount that is equal to

5 the amount derived by multiplying the benefit cost rate that is

the highest during the ten-year period ending on November 30 of

7 each year by the total remuneration paid by all employers, with

8 respect to all employment for which contributions are payable

9 during the last four calendar quarters ending on June 30 of the

10 same year, as reported on contribution reports filed on or

11 before October 31 of the same year. "Remuneration", as used in

this definition, means wages as defined in section 383-10. For

the purpose of determining the highest benefit cost rate, the

14 benefit cost rate for the first twelve-consecutive-calendar-

15 month period beginning with the first day of the first month of

16 the ten-year period and for each succeeding twelve-consecutive-

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1 calendar-month period beginning with the first day of each 2 subsequent month shall be computed. [Effective for the calendar years 1992 through 2007, and 3 4 for calendar year 2011, "adequate reserve fund" means an amount 5 that is equal to the amount derived by multiplying the benefit 6 cost rate that is the highest during the ten-year period ending on November 30 of each year by the total remuneration paid by 7 all employers, with respect to all employment for which 8 9 contributions are payable during the last four calendar quarters 10 ending on June 30 of the same year, as reported on contribution 11 reports filed on or before October 31 of the same year.] 12 Effective for the calendar years 2023 through 2030, 13 "adequate reserve fund" means an amount that is equal to: 14 One and one-quarter, for calendar years 2026 through 15 2027; and 16 (2) One and one-half, for calendar years 2028 through **17** 2030, 18 times the amount derived by multiplying the benefit cost rate 19 that is the highest during the ten-year period ending on 20 November 30 of each year by the total remuneration paid by all 21 employers, with respect to all employment for which

- 1 contributions are payable during the last four calendar quarters
- 2 ending on June 30 of the same year, as reported on contribution
- 3 reports filed on or before October 31 of the same year, but
- 4 shall not include the benefit cost rate from June 2020 through
- 5 August 2021."
- 6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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Description:

Amends the definition of "adequate reserve fund" for calendar years 2026 through 2028.

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