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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND TO AMEND ITS RULES TO ALLOW CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF CHILD DEPENDENTS BEYOND AGE TWENTY-FOUR IF THE DEPENDENT HAS BEEN IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE UNTIL AGE TWENTY-FOUR.

1 WHEREAS, section 87A-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
2 the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
3 Benefits Trust Fund to establish eligibility criteria to
4 determine who can qualify as a dependent-beneficiary; and
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6 WHEREAS, section 3.01, Hawaii Administrative Rules, of the
7 Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund defines a
8 dependent beneficiary, in relevant part, as being a child who is
9 under the age of nineteen or a full-time student and under the
10 age of twenty-four; and
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12 WHEREAS, many instances are currently occurring wherein a
13 beneficiary has a child who is under the age twenty-four, who
14 has been called to active duty with the military reserves or
15 national guard, who has returned to Hawaii, who has resumed or
16 commenced education as a student, and who then has reached age
17 twenty-four, and then does not qualify for benefits because the
18 child is twenty-four years of age; and
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20 WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the Hawaii Employer-
21 Union Health Benefits Trust Fund should be amended in order to
22 accommodate the employee beneficiary's dependent children who
23 have served in active military service with the reserves or
24 national guard, as described herein, because they effectively
25 continue their dependency while enrolled in higher education and
26 their ability to obtain higher education was interrupted due to
27 military service; and
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29 WHEREAS, allowing this class of dependent children to
30 continue to be eligible for health benefits encourages them to
31 continue with their college education; now, therefore,
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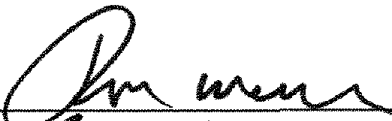


1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
3 that the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
4 Benefits Trust Fund amend its administrative rules to allow a
5 dependent beneficiary who was under the age of twenty-four when
6 called to active duty with the military reserves or national
7 guard, who has returned to Hawaii, who has resumed or commenced
8 education as a student, and who then has reached age twenty-
9 four, to allow that dependent beneficiary to continue
10 eligibility after reaching age twenty-four, possibly by
11 excluding the time the child serves in active service; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the
14 Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund report on its
15 progress in making the appropriate administrative rule
16 amendments, including any necessary statutory amendments, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2009; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to Board of Trustees of the Hawaii
22 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, and the State
23 Director of Finance.
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OFFERED BY:


By Request

