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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
TO REVIEW ITS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR RETIREES AND  
THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust  
2 Fund, the EUTF, is responsible for providing medical,  
3 chiropractic, prescription drug, dental, vision, and life  
4 insurance benefits to eligible State of Hawaii, City and County  
5 of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Maui and County of  
6 Kauai employees and retirees; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the EUTF was established to provide affordable and  
9 reliable benefit plans to its beneficiaries, which currently  
10 include 45,000 retirees along with 20,000 of their dependents;  
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13           WHEREAS, coverage is available from the EUTF to dependents  
14 of retiree members until the age of 24 if the dependent is  
15 attending school and unmarried and otherwise until the age of  
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18           WHEREAS, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
19 Act expanded health coverage for dependents of policyholders  
20 under most insurance plans until the age of 26; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act's expanded dependent  
23 coverage requirement does not include retiree-only health  
24 insurance plans, therefore, young adult dependents of EUTF  
25 retiree-members are currently unable to maintain health  
26 insurance coverage under their parents' policies for as long as  
27 their peers can; and



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1           WHEREAS, many young adults may not be eligible to attend  
 2 college or pursue a post-secondary education, or may choose not  
 3 to do so, resulting in loss of coverage at a much younger age  
 4 than envisioned for most young adults by the federal law; now,  
 5 therefore,

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 7           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 8 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 9 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii  
 10 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund is requested to review  
 11 its health insurance policies for retirees and their family  
 12 members in order to ensure that retirees' dependents are  
 13 afforded health insurance coverage to the same extent as their  
 14 peers who are eligible for continued coverage as a dependent  
 15 under the Affordable Care Act; and

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 17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EUTF is requested to  
 18 provide and explain its reasons for different age eligibility  
 19 requirements for dependents than those set forth in the  
 20 Affordable Care Act; and

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 22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EUTF is requested to  
 23 present to its retiree members alternative options to obtain  
 24 coverage for dependents who are disqualified from extended  
 25 coverage under their parents' health insurance policies because  
 26 they are not attending a college or other form of post-secondary  
 27 education; and

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 29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawaii  
 31 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the  
 32 Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust  
 33 Fund, and the Director of Health.

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OFFERED BY:



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