
HOUSE 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
16 19; and
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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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29 WHEREAS, many young adults may not be eligible to attend
30 college or pursue a post-secondary education, or may choose not
31 to do so, resulting in loss of coverage at a much younger age



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1 than envisioned for most young adults by the federal law; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2016, that the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits
7 Trust Fund is requested to review its health insurance policies
8 for retirees and their family members in order to ensure that
9 retirees' dependents are afforded health insurance coverage to
10 the same extent as their peers who are eligible for continued
11 coverage as a dependent under the Affordable Care Act; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EUTF is requested to
14 provide and explain its reasons for different age eligibility
15 requirements for dependents than those set forth in the
16 Affordable Care Act; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EUTF is requested to
19 present to its retiree members alternative options to obtain
20 coverage for dependents who are disqualified from extended
21 coverage under their parents' health insurance policies because
22 they are not attending a college or other form of post-secondary
23 education; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawaii Employer-
27 Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the
28 Administrator of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust
29 Fund, and the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: *Jahado Om*

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