
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STAFF OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii employer-
2 union health benefits trust fund (EUTF) would operationally
3 benefit from employing certain EUTF staff through the civil
4 service system. The purpose of this Act is to permit the EUTF
5 to employ certain EUTF staff through the civil service system.

6 SECTION 2. Section 87A-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§87A-24 Other powers.** In addition to the power to
9 administer the fund, the board may:

- 10 (1) Collect, receive, deposit, and withdraw money on
11 behalf of the fund;
- 12 (2) Invest moneys in the same manner specified in section
13 88-119;
- 14 (3) Hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, or dispose of
15 any securities or other investments of the fund, as
16 well as the proceeds of those investments and any
17 money belonging to the fund;



- 1 (4) Appoint, and at pleasure dismiss, an administrator and
2 other fund staff. The administrator [~~and staff~~] shall
3 be exempt from chapter 76 [~~and~~]. Other fund staff may
4 be exempt from chapter 76 as determined by the board.
5 The administrator and staff who are exempt from
6 chapter 76 shall serve under and at the pleasure of
7 the board; provided that civil service exempt
8 positions under this section that are created after
9 July 1, 2014, shall be exempt from section
10 76-16(b)(17)(A);
- 11 (5) Make payments of periodic charges and pay for
12 reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the
13 purposes of the fund;
- 14 (6) Contract for the performance of financial audits of
15 the fund and claims audits of its insurance carriers;
- 16 (7) Retain auditors, actuaries, investment firms and
17 managers, benefit plan consultants, or other
18 professional advisors to carry out the purposes of
19 this chapter, including the retaining of an actuary to
20 determine the annual required public employer



1 contribution for the separate trust fund established
2 under section 87A-42;

3 (8) Establish health benefits plan and long-term care
4 benefits plan rates that include administrative and
5 other expenses necessary to effectuate the purposes of
6 the fund; and

7 (9) Require any department, agency, or employee of the
8 State or counties to furnish information to the board
9 to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
11 employer-union health benefits trust fund the sum of \$86,837 or
12 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018
13 and the sum of \$104,616 or so much thereof as may be necessary
14 for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Hawaii employer-union health
15 benefits trust fund to employ certain Hawaii employer-union
16 health benefits trust fund staff through the civil service
17 system.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
19 employer-union health benefits trust fund for the purposes of
20 this Act.



1 SECTION 4. The Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust
2 fund shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, regarding changes to its
4 personnel and operations as a result of this Act, to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 the regular sessions of 2018 and 2019.

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Public
Employment; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund
to employ staff through the civil service system. Appropriates
funds. (CD1)

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