

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 468
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily suspend the requirement for public employers to make annual required contributions to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund through fiscal year 2024-2025; and



- (2) Require the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to:
 - (A) Examine and assess possible means to offset the future increase in the State's annual required contributions resulting from the temporary suspension, including the impacts of eliminating the state and county employers' obligations to reimburse Medicare Part B premiums to spouses of employee-beneficiaries who are hired after a specific future date; and
 - (B) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Temporarily suspending the requirement for public employers to make annual required contributions to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund for two fiscal years, rather than four;
- (2) Removing the requirements that the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund examine and assess possible means to offset the future increase in the State's annual required contributions resulting from the temporary suspension and submit a report to the Legislature;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2021; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

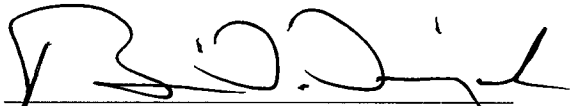
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.



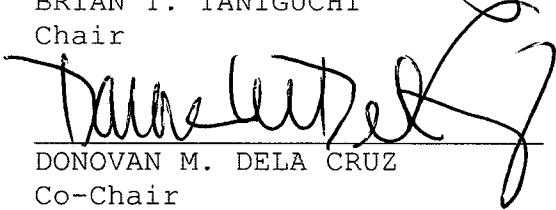
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

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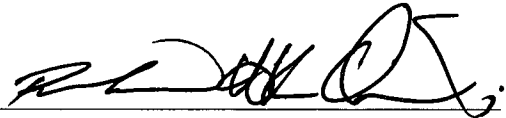
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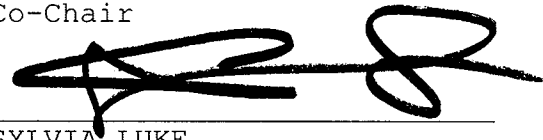
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
TANIGUCHI, Brian T., Chr.	✓				ONISHI, Richard H.K., Co-Chr.	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M., Co-Chr.	✓				LUKE, Sylvia, Co-Chr.	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓				KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
					OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	TOTAL	4	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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