

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

784

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1359

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1359 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund employer base composite monthly contribution for January 1, 2026, by 5.2 percent of the January 1, 2025, amount.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that the current calculation of the employer base composite monthly contribution relies on Medicare Part B premium amounts that are sometimes not published until after the retiree open enrollment period. Accordingly, in some years, retirees are uncertain of their employer's contribution amounts when deciding to enroll in the program. Your Committee further finds that this measure will correct this problem by requiring the employer contribution amounts to be calculated based on Medicare Part B premium amounts that are published before open enrollment, thereby providing more certainty to retirees during open enrollment.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1359 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1359	Committee Referral: LBT, WAM	Date: 2-19-2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes