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## Foreword

This actuarial study and operational audit of the Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund was initiated pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 88, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1 of the 1998 legislative session.

The study was conducted by the Office of the Auditor and Ernst & Young LLP, which provided us with actuarial and related services.

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation extended to us by the Board of Trustees, administrator, and staff of the Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund, by the Department of Budget and Finance, and by others in Hawaii and across the nation who assisted us during the course of the project.

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