A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "\$87A- Other post-employment benefits trust.
- 5 Notwithstanding sections 87A-31 and 87A-31.5, the board, upon
- 6 terms and conditions set by the board, may establish and
- 7 administer a separate trust fund for the purpose of receiving
- 8 employer contributions that will prefund other post-employment
- 9 health and other benefit plan costs for retirees and their
- 10 beneficiaries. If a fund is established, it shall meet the
- 11 requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board
- 12 regarding other post-employment benefits trusts. Employer
- 13 contributions to the separate trust fund shall be irrevocable,
- 14 all assets of the fund shall be dedicated exclusively to
- 15 providing health and other benefits to retirees and their
- 16 beneficiaries, and assets of the fund shall not be subject to
- 17 appropriation for any other purpose and shall not be subject to

- 1 claims by creditors of the employers or the board or plan
- 2 administrator. The board's powers under section 87A-24 shall
- 3 also apply to any fund established pursuant to this section."
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act shall not bind or require the State or
- 5 counties to make any particular level of contributions to the
- 6 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund now or in the
- 7 future, but only authorizes the board of trustees of the Hawaii
- 8 employer-union health benefits trust fund to create a separate
- 9 trust fund for the purpose of receiving contributions that meets
- 10 the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board
- 11 regarding health and other post-employment benefits trusts.
- 12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust

Description:

Authorizes the board of trustees of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to create a trust fund for the purpose of receiving employer contributions that will prefund post-employment health and other benefit costs for retirees and their beneficiaries. (SD1)

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