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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair and Members of the Committee on Finance The House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2661, House Draft 1

Relating to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund

The City and County of Honolulu is generally supportive of House Bill 2661, House Draft 1, which will require the State Department of Budget and Finance to conduct a study to reform the Employer-Union Trust Fund (EUTF) to moderate costs and amortize the unfunded liability, but respectfully requests an amendment be made to the bill.

The City understands that the EUTF costs and unfunded liability are a significant concern to the State. The City shares this concern and we are pleased that the bill includes in the scope of the study consideration of county participation. To secure our participation in the study, we ask that Section 2, item c be amended to include the counties. This change would require consultation with the counties along with the other stakeholders. As we have stated in other testimony to the Legislature, the City wants to be part of the solution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2661.

Yours truly,

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