HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS, Act 268, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, established 2 a Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund Task Force to examine the unfunded liability of the Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund (Trust Fund) including:

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(1)The current and projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the Trust Fund;

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The availability of medical benefits plans other than (2) plans that pay or reimburse medical services providers under a fee-for-service model;

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(3) The costs and benefits of alternative medical benefits plans in relation to the medical benefits plans currently offered by the Trust Fund;

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(4)An evaluation of the costs and process of transitioning from the current medical benefits plans to an alternative medical benefits plan, including recommended proposed legislation;

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An evaluation of the current structure of state and (5) county public employers paying a percentage of health insurance policy premiums and providing recommendations for a benefits plan for prospective employees; and

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(6) Any other matters that are relevant to gaining a full and meaningful understanding of the circumstances of the Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the task force was unable to meet due to the start of the Regular Session of 2014; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Finance is requested to convene a task force to examine the unfunded liability of the Trust Fund to carry out the intent of Act 268, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members include:

(1) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee who shall serve as the chair of the task force;

(2) Two members from the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) Two members of the Senate selected by the Senate President;

(4) Four members representing public sector unions who shall be invited to participate by the Director of Finance;

(5) One member representing public employee retirees who shall be invited to participate by the Director of Finance; and

(6) Four members representing the respective interests of the four counties who shall be selected by the Governor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance, in consultation with the task force, shall submit a report to the Legislature of its findings, recommendations, or any proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:

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