
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The director of finance is authorized to issue
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2022-2023
5 for the other post-employment benefits trust fund governed by
6 section 87A-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to pay or prepay the
7 State's other post-employment benefits liability; provided that:

8 (1) The appropriation made for this transaction as
9 authorized by this section shall not lapse at the end
10 of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is
11 made;

12 (2) All moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as of
13 June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date;

14 (3) The general obligation bonds authorized by this
15 section shall be issued in the sole discretion of the
16 director of finance; provided that:



- 1 (A) To determine the annual required contribution, a
2 preliminary annual required contribution to the
3 trust fund shall be developed that treats the
4 outstanding bond balance as part of the trust
5 fund's unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The
6 net cash contribution required to be contributed
7 to the trust fund shall equal the preliminary
8 annual required contribution minus the bond
9 repayment for the respective year;
- 10 (B) Entities shall only be permitted to issue general
11 obligation bonds if the all-in true interest cost
12 of the bonds is at least three hundred basis
13 points less than the assumed rate of return of
14 the trust fund, to which the proceeds will be
15 contributed;
- 16 (C) General obligation bonds shall not be issued as a
17 means for addressing budget shortfalls related to
18 contributions required by law; and
- 19 (D) General obligation bonds shall only be issued as
20 a means to produce long-term savings.



1 SECTION 2. Section 87A-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

3 "(f) For the purposes of this section, "annual required
4 contribution" means a public employer's required contribution to
5 the trust fund established in this section that is sufficient to
6 cover:

7 (1) The normal cost, which is the cost of other post-
8 employment benefits attributable to the current year
9 of service; and

10 (2) An amortization payment, which is a catch-up payment
11 for past service costs to fund the unfunded actuarial
12 accrued liability over the next thirty years. If the
13 State issues general obligation bonds to pay or prepay
14 all or any portion of the State's unfunded actuarial
15 accrued liability and contributes the proceeds to the
16 trust fund, the outstanding balance of the general
17 obligation bonds shall be considered part of the
18 State's unfunded actuarial accrued liability for
19 purposes of the determination of the preliminary
20 annual required contribution. The annual required
21 contribution would be the preliminary annual required



1 contribution less the related general obligation bond
2 repayment."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
5 provided that section 2 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
6 2023.



Report Title:

General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds); Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB Trust)

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay or prepay the State's Other Post-Employment Benefits liability under certain conditions. Beginning 07/01/2023, requires that the outstanding balance of general obligation bonds issued to pay or prepay the Other Post-Employment Benefits liability to be considered in the calculation of public employers' annual required contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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