A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 383-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending the definition of "adequate reserve fund" to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 ""Adequate reserve fund" means an amount that is equal to
- 5 the amount derived by multiplying the benefit cost rate that is
- 6 the highest during the ten-year period ending on November 30 of
- 7 each year by the total remuneration paid by all employers, with
- 8 respect to all employment for which contributions are payable
- 9 during the last four calendar quarters ending on June 30 of the
- 10 same year, as reported on contribution reports filed on or
- 11 before October 31 of the same year. "Remuneration", as used in
- 12 this definition, means wages as defined in section 383-10. For
- 13 the purpose of determining the highest benefit cost rate, the
- 14 benefit cost rate for the first twelve-consecutive-calendar-
- 15 month period beginning with the first day of the first month of
- 16 the ten-year period and for each succeeding twelve-consecutive-

- 1 calendar-month period beginning with the first day of each
- 2 subsequent month shall be computed.
- 3 Effective for the calendar years 1992 through 2007, and for
- 4 calendar year 2011, "adequate reserve fund" means an amount that
- 5 is equal to the amount derived by multiplying the benefit cost
- 6 rate that is the highest during the ten-year period ending on
- 7 November 30 of each year by the total remuneration paid by all
- 8 employers, with respect to all employment for which
- 9 contributions are payable during the last four calendar quarters
- 10 ending on June 30 of the same year, as reported on contribution
- 11 reports filed on or before October 31 of the same year.
- 12 ["Remuneration", as used in this definition, means wages as
- 13 defined in section 383-10. For the purpose of determining the
- 14 highest benefit cost rate, the benefit cost rate for the first
- 15 twelve-consecutive-calendar-month period beginning-with the
- 16 first day of the first month of the ten-year period and for each
- 17 succeeding twelve-consecutive-calendar-month period beginning
- 18 with the first day of each subsequent month shall be computed.]
- 19 Effective for the calendar years 2023 through 2030,
- 20 "adequate reserve fund" means an amount that is equal to the
- 21 amount derived by multiplying the benefit cost rate that is the

- 1 highest during the ten-year period ending on November 30 of each
- 2 year by the total remuneration paid by all employers, with
- 3 respect to all employment for which contributions are payable
- 4 during the last four calendar quarters ending on June 30 of the
- 5 same year, as reported on contribution reports filed on or
- 6 before October 31 of the same year, but shall not include the
- 7 benefit cost rate from June 2020 through August 2021."
- 8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Adequate Reserve Fund; Employer's Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate; Benefit Cost Rate

Description:

Amends the definition of "Adequate Reserve Fund" to exclude the benefit cost rate from June 2020 through August 2021, for calendar years 2023 through 2030. (SD2)

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