H.B. NO. ¹⁶³⁹ H.D. 1 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BASE COMPOSITE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 87A-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 "(c) The base composite monthly contribution shall be adjusted annually, beginning January 1, [2015. The] 2025, by 4 5 increasing the base composite monthly contribution in effect on 6 January 1, 2024, by 5.2 per cent. Thereafter, the adjusted base composite monthly contribution for each new plan year (January 1 7 8 until December 31) shall be calculated by increasing or 9 decreasing the base composite monthly contribution in effect 10 through the end of the previous plan year by the percentage increase or decrease in the medicare part B premium rate for 11 12 [those years,] the previous plan year, which percentage shall be 13 calculated by dividing the medicare part B premium rate in 14 effect at the beginning of the [new] previous plan year by the 15 rate in effect at the beginning of the year prior to the 16 previous plan year.



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1 As used in this subsection, "medicare part B premium rate" 2 means the rate published in the Federal Register each year on 3 November 1 or on the business day closest to November 1 of each 4 year after the medicare part B premium rate has been established 5 by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services and 6 approved by the United States Congress." 7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.





Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Employer Base Composite Monthly Contribution

Description:

Increases the employer base composite monthly contribution effective 1/1/2025 by 5.2 per cent of the 2024 employer base. Provides that effective 1/1/2026, the employer base composite monthly contribution will be based on the change in medicare part B premiums from 2024 to 2025 and at a two-year lag thereafter. (SD1)

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