

2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - BILLS RELATING TO THE EUTF

Bill No.	Title/Description	Comp. Bill	Current Status
House Bills			
HB2136 HD1, SD1, CD1	<p>Report Title: Procurement Code; AG Waiver; Exemptions Repealed</p> <p>Description: Provides that procurement selection committee recommendations cannot be overturned without due cause. Reserves remedies of debarment and suspension for the protection of governmental interests and for acts in violation of the Procurement Code. Requires consideration of mitigating factors prior to any debarment or suspension. Allows AG to waive certain requirements for offerors of legal services not available in the state. Repeals Procurement Code exemptions. Waives repeal of UH exemption upon UH's adoption of debarment and suspension procurement rules consistent with section 103D-702, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (HB2136 CD1)</p>		5/5/04-Trasmitted to Governor
HB2378	<p>Report Title: Sovereign Immunity of Board and Commissions</p> <p>Description: Specifies that all administratively attached boards and commissions are arms of the State of Hawaii and entitled to claim sovereign immunity to the same extent as the State itself.</p>		4/26/04-Act 16, 4/23/04 (Gov. Msg. No.490)
Senate Bills			
SB761	<p>Report Title: Health Benefits Trust Fund; Independent Legal Counsel</p> <p>Description: Allows the Board of Trustees for the Health Benefits Trust Fund to hire independent legal counsel.</p>		Carried over to 2004 Regular Session
SB762 SD1, HD2	<p>Report Title: EUTF; part-time, temporary, seasonal, casual employees</p> <p>Description: Expands the eligibility for health insurance benefits of part-time, temporary, and seasonal or casual employees of the State; provided that the employee works at least twenty hours per week for at least four consecutive weeks. (SB 762 HD1 Draft)</p>		4/29/04-Conference committee to reconvene 4/30/04, room 225
SB799, SD1	<p>Report Title: Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Trust; Authorized</p> <p>Description: Authorizes and sets forth the requirements for the establishment of a voluntary employees' beneficiary association trust by public employee organizations to provide health benefits for its members, including retirees, who would be exempted from participation in the State health benefits trust fund.</p>		Carried over to 2004 Regular Session
SB1676, HD1	<p>Report Title: State Health Authority</p> <p>Description: Establishes the State Health Authority (SHA) to provide health care for all Hawaii citizens. Establishes the State Health Authority Commission to determine the costs of SHA, and to determine a financing mechanism to carry out the purpose of the Authority. Repeals the State Health Planning and Development Agency and transfers its functions to SHA. Repeals the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. Establishes the Mandated Benefits Review Panel.</p>		Carried over to 2004 Regular Session
SB2278	<p>Report Title: Revision Bill</p> <p>Description: Amends, reenacts, or repeals various provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and the Session Laws of Hawaii for the purpose of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, and deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.</p>	HB2171	4/21/04-Act 10, 4/19/04 (Gov. Msg. No. 480.)

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SB2355, SD2, HD2	Report Title: Employer-Union Hlth Benefits Trust Fund; Benefit Status Upon Retn to Svc Description: Clarifies that a public employee with credited service prior to 7/1/96, who transfers employment or suffers a break in service before or after 7/1/96, shall qualify for the retirement health benefits plan as it existed prior to 7/1/96; provided that the public employee meet certain requirements (SD2)		5/9/04-Enrolled to Governor
SB3019, SD1, HD2	Report Title: Police Officers Description: Provides members of collective bargaining unit 12 (police officers) with a tax credit for health insurance premiums. Provides credit of up to \$960 per year for single coverage and \$2,400 per year for family coverage. (SB3019 HD2)		4/29/04-Conference committee to reconvene 4/30/04, room 225
House Concurrent Resolution			
HCR78 HD1	Requesting the EUTF, in conjunction with the ERS, to clarify laws pertaining to the provision of health benefits at retirement for employees having a break in service.		4/7/04-Referred to JUD as amended in HD1