

## **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

HONOLULU

January 31, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Mercado Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund's Relating to Prescription Drugs report to the 2014 Legislature, as requreed by Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a copy of this report has been transmited to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at: <a href="http://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/reports-to-the-legislature/">http://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/reports-to-the-legislature/</a>

Sincerely,

/s/ NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii

**Enclosure** 

## Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund

## Report to the 2014 Legislature Required by Act 226, SLH2013, Relating to Prescription Drugs

Pursuant to Act 226, SLH2013 relating to prescription drugs, the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) provides the legislature with the following information:

- Number of beneficiaries affected by the provisions of this measure: 79,170 (as of 11/30/13)
- Number of beneficiaries who opted out of a requirement to purchase prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy: 278 \*(as of 11/30/13)
- Number of beneficiaries who opt to purchase prescription drugs from a retail community pharmacy: 28,803 utilizers (this includes CVS/Longs pharmacies)\* (as of 11/30/13)
- The status of the report filed with the insurance commissioner: First report due to the insurance commissioner is March 31, 2014.

The EUTF Board of Trustees voluntarily applied Act 226, SLH2013, to its active employee plans effective October 1, 2013 and will be applying it to the retiree plans effective January 1, 2014.

\*The effects of this measure are not fully recognized as of November 30, 2013 due to the fact that the change was made to active employees effective October 1, 2013, and, as such, these figures are reporting for only two months. Additionally, changes made to the retiree plans do not become effective until January 1, 2014, and, as such, these figures do not reflect any changes for retirees.