

2021 Legislative Goals of HSTA-Retired

RETIREMENT

- Support legislation to allow the pensions for all Hawai`i's retired public employees to keep up with the cost of living.
- Support preservation of current retiree benefits.
 - **Oppose taxing all Hawaii State and City County retiree pensions.**
 - **Oppose eliminating reimbursement of Medicare Part B premiums.**
 - **Oppose any reductions to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.**
- Support legislation on a long range plan toward eliminating the unfunded liability of the Hawai`i Employer Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) and the State of Hawai`i Employees' Retirement System (ERS), provided benefits are not diminished.
- Support legislation to strengthen Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.
- Support Quality of Life Issues for seniors.
- Support the preservation of health care benefits for retired public employees by opposing legislation to eliminate reimbursement of Medicare Part B.
- Support proposals to lower the cost of prescription drugs and allow approved drugs to be imported under federal regulations.
- Support legislation on long term care.

EDUCATION

- Support legislation to adequately fund Hawai`i's public schools, as well as the University of Hawai`i Community Colleges.
- Support HSTA and its commitment to the improvement of public education, Pre K to 22.
- Support NEA's recommendation for the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization bill for quality public education.
- Support legislation to improve the training, recruitment and retention of teachers for Hawai`i's public schools.

HEALTH

- Support state and national health care reform legislation to make affordable health care available to all Americans.