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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 985 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

February 2, 2009

ROGER TAKABAYASHI, PRESIDENT
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Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association takes no position on HB 985 which amends Section 302A-101 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and returns the Department of Education to a system of districts other than the current complex area structure.

We believe that this is a matter of policy than legislation. Therefore, a change such as this should be brought to the Board of Education for their consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HB 985 Relating To Education

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO provides the following comments.

The authorities, duties and responsibilities between the board of education, superintendent of education and district superintendents require greater clarity. In addition the authority given to a district superintendent in this bill will require greater analysis of the functions of the state and districts. This will have cost implications and, once again, require a realignment of resources.

Finally, to a large degree the board of education is within their authority to propose many of the amendments in this bill and, as necessary, they can seek appropriate legislative authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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