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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

RE: SB 917 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association <u>strongly supports SB 917</u>, relating to public employment cost items.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is the exclusive representative of the state's 13,500 public school teachers. As the local affiliate of the 2.2 million member National Education Association, we are currently in negotiations with the state on a new HSTA-BOE master agreement. This measure provides a vehicle to fund a collective bargaining agreement for bargaining unit (5) upon ratification of new contract.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to support this bill.