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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Wilbert Holck Executive Director

RE: HB 754 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association <u>strongly supports HB 754</u>, making appropriations for collective bargaining 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.