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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: SB 2945 - RELATING TO TEACHERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports SB 2945, relating to teachers.

This bill would require the Board of Education to offer no less than three credits of professional development courses, classes, or other programs annually to each teacher at no cost to the teacher.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association believes that more free professional development courses should be available and having the BOE provided three credits per year at no cost to teachers is a reasonable request.

This change will help to ensure there is a wide variety of relevant professional development courses available, at no cost, for Hawaii's public school teachers to expand their expertise and make them even better teachers.

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