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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1302, S.D. 1

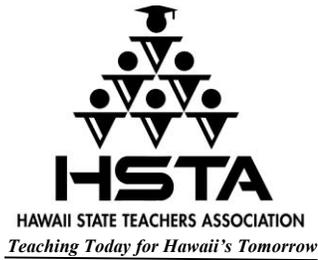
February 10, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration proposal, or a similar bill, as negotiations are currently in progress and a vehicle bill may be necessary if an agreement is reached requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

This measure appropriates and authorizes appropriations for collective bargaining (CB) cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23 for Bargaining Unit (BU) 5. We would also like to note that Administration proposals have been submitted for each of the other BUs with State employees to provide funding for Employer-Union Trust Fund CB requirements should agreements be reached pursuant to contract re-opener negotiations.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

RE: SB 1302 SD1- RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports SB1302, SD1**, making appropriations for collective bargaining cost items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (5) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is the exclusive representative of the state's 13,700 public school educators and the local affiliate of the 2.2 million member National Education Association (NEA). 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.