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Title of Bill: SCR200, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MICRO-CREDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND THE HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requesting The Department Of Education To Implement The National Education Association Micro-credential Pilot Program Developed In Collaboration With The Department's Office Of Curriculum And Instructional Design And The Hawaii State Teachers Association.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 200, which requests the Department to implement a micro-credential pilot program.

The Department continues to work in collaboration with the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) to recognize a vetted list of National Education Association (NEA) micro-credentials for professional development credit toward teacher reclassification.

On April 7, 2026, the Department received additional questions from the HSTA through the consultation process. The Department is carefully considering the questions and suggestions made by the HSTA and is preparing a response which should close out the consultation process.

The Department continues to be on-track to implement and advertise the availability of NEA micro-credentials through a pilot program for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year after completion of the consultation process with the HSTA. The Department intends to track utilization of NEA micro-credentials and will report on the progress of this pilot program as requested in this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 200.