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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAI'I SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Item: SCR200/SR188 – National Education Association Micro-Credential Pilot

Position: Support

Hearing: Monday, April 6, 2026, 1:00 pm, Room 229

Submitter: Osa Tui, Jr., President - Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee,

The Hawai'i State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports** SCR200/SR188 which requests the Department of Education to implement the National Education Association Micro-Credential Pilot Program. Collaboratively developed with the Department's Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design and the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, this program supports educator learning, leadership development, and classroom innovation. High-quality, competency-based micro-credentials are vital for strengthening instruction and allowing educators to demonstrate mastery of specific practices.

This initiative provides licensed public and charter school teachers statewide with free access to professional development for our members, eliminating financial barriers. The HSTA is fully prepared to support the Pilot Program by assisting with outreach, participation, and the verification of coursework and grading. We strongly agree that participating teachers should receive applicable professional development credit upon successful completion of the coursework. We respectfully urge your support in passing this resolution.

SR-188

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Testimony for EDU on 4/6/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

188 SR 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.