Statement of

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LATE TESTIMONY

Before the

House of Representatives Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Friday, February 8, 2008 State Capitol, Conference Room 309 8:30am

In consideration of HB2755 – Relating to the Employees Retirement System

Chair Sonson and Members of the Committee

I, Yolanda Dana from Keonepoko Elementary School, **strongly support HB 2755** and urge your Committee to vote for passage of this measure.

I urge you to reopen election and membership into the ERS Class H (Hybrid contributory plan).

This bill will allow us to offer all our public employees a retirement plan that will improve their quality of life when they become eligible for retirement. Public employees work hard during their careers to make life easier for our fellow citizens. We need to ensure that when they retire, these public servants are also given a life that has a minimum amount of financial stress.

Vote for HB 2755 and the reopening of membership into the ERS Class H (Hybrid contributory plan).

Thank you for your continual support for students and public education.

Mahalo,

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