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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION and COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH

RE: SB 2782 – RELATING TO TEACHERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Baker and Committee members

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 2782**, relating to teachers.

In our public schools we have witnessed wonderful Educational Assistants (EAs) that would benefit from the assistance that this bill would provide for them to pursue the path of becoming a fully licensed teacher with full teacher certification. This bill would provide the financial support of tuition costs, for those EAs who already have obtained their Associate of Arts (AA), have worked in a public school in a hard-to-fill area for two years, and have been recommended by their principal of the school in which they are employed. We also appreciate that in order to receive this tuition support, these individuals will need to agree to remain teachers in our public schools for three consecutive years after receiving their teaching degrees. We hope this assistance will also include Educational Assistants working at our public charter schools in hard to fill areas as well. Thank you for consideration of our input.

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



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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Education
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 12, 2016

S.B. 2782 – RELATING TO TEACHERS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports S.B. 2782 which establishes the educational assistant certification incentive program to enable educational assistants working in hard-to-fill schools to attain teacher certification and appropriate necessary funds for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The HGEA also encourages the inclusion of charter school educational assistants who work in schools with similar high teacher turnover or hard-to-fill circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of S.B. 2782.

Respectfully submitted,

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