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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION

RE: HCR 77/HR 43 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT ON TITLED, FORMULA DRIVEN,
AND DISCRETIONARY FEDERAL FUNDS FOR WHICH THE STATE IS
ELIGIBLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB HCR 77/HR 43**, requesting the Department of Education to prepare and submit a report on titled, formula driven, and discretionary federal funds for which the state is eligible.

Hawai'i shortchanges its public schools. While our state's per-pupil spending of ranks 17th in the nation when compared to other states in raw dollars, Hawai'i ranks 227th in per-pupil funding *before* adjusting for cost of living when comparing school districts of similar size.

At the same time, the Trump Administration has proposed deep cuts to federal education spending. The administration's budget proposal would eliminate Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants, or Title II, which is currently funded at \$2.25 billion and helps states and districts hire and provide professional development for teachers. The proposal would also scrap the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which is funded at more than \$1 billion currently and finances after-school and extended-learning programs. Thus, it is incumbent upon policymakers to ensure that available federal resources are utilized in a manner the produces the greatest return on educational investment.

To make the most of federal education funding for the islands, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this resolution.

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