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FOR: SB 195 Relating to Hawaii Teachers Standards Board
DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Ways and Means
ROOM: Conference Room 211
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit this **testimony in support of SB 195**, which appropriates general fund moneys for two Specialist II positions within the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

The HTSB serves a crucial role in public education in the State of Hawaii. They are responsible for teacher licensing, which includes renewing, revoking, suspending and reinstating licenses. They also monitor the professional fitness of teachers and support teacher quality. The moneys for the two Specialist II positions funded by this bill will help the board realize their vision to have a highly esteemed public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success. The HTSB’s work, in turn, assists the Commission in its oversight of all public charter schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

By
Donald Young
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SB 195 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

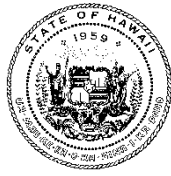
My name is Donald Young, and I serve as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Today I am pleased to submit testimony in support of SB 195.

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) serves a vital function in our state being responsible for teacher licensing and monitoring, reviewing licensing standards and license testing, monitoring the accreditation of teacher preparation programs, reporting to the U.S. Department of Education, etc. In addition, HTSB has been responsive to necessary changes and innovations in teacher preparation and licensing, working collaboratively with all programs in Hawai'i that prepare educators.

The increased workload and the ability to continue to be responsive to needs in the field present HTSB with financial challenges. SB 195 seeks to shift the costs of two positions to the general fund. Such a shift will enable HTSB to remain solvent without raising licensing fees. As personnel costs have continued to rise, HTSB has adjusted by reducing the number of employees to the minimum they now have. Without additional financial support further cuts will be necessary threatening to reduce the vital services HTSB provides.

I therefore urge the committee to support SB 195.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 211

TITLE OF BILL: SB195, RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

PURPOSE OF BILL: Appropriates moneys from the general fund for two specialist II positions within the Hawaii teacher standards board.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) thanks the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for considering SB195 and **strongly supports** this bill to general fund Hawaii Teacher Standards Board's two specialists. These positions were originally created under the general fund, and are already established permanent, filled positions. The two individuals in these positions support the day to day licensing functions of the HTSB, working directly with approximately 12,000 teacher applicants and licensees in all Hawaii public schools. While their main function is managing the workflow for teacher licensing, they also lend support to preservice preparation, US Department of Education Title 2 reporting, and the review of licensing standards and testing. HTSB has a strong team that is able to meet these needs, and we hope to be able to continue to offer capable, efficient, effective support to teachers through the work of these two specialists.

HTSB's special fund is based solely on teacher licensing fees, and HTSB assumed payment of these two specialist positions and several clerical positions in FY2012. Over the past four fiscal years, since fully transitioning all personnel and operating expenses from the general to the special fund, the increase in salary and benefits for personnel costs have exceeded HTSB's special fund revenue from annual teacher licensing fees of \$48 per licensee. In order to offset this trend, HTSB has reduced its staff from thirteen full time employees to a current count of five full time and two

half time individuals, reduced office space by half, as well as other cost cutting measures. We feel that this is the minimum staff possible to effectively support all functions of the HTSB.

We humbly thank you again and ask for the Senate Ways and Means Committee's support for our work, to help ensure that our licensed teachers have the appropriate training, knowledge, skills and dispositions to teach our most precious resource, Hawaii's Keiki.

Thank you for your support of education and for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Pateman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in strong support of this bill for HTSB. Thank you, Beth Pateman

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Personal Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:30 am Rm 211

By
Donald B. Young

SB 195 – RELATING TO HAWAI‘I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Young, and I serve as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawai‘i. Today I am pleased to present personal testimony in support of SB 195. This testimony does not necessarily represent the position of the University of Hawai‘i on this issue.

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Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have had the honor of serving as a board member on the HTSB in the past and I have been impressed by quantity and quality of work accomplished by such a minimal amount of staff. Given the teacher shortage crisis our state is facing, we want to make sure new teachers go through the licensing process as smoothly as possible, with minimal delay. We also want to avoid increasing fees that teachers pay just to work for the State of Hawaii. As a reminder, the license requirement does not apply to all teachers in Hawaii, only those that work for the DOE or state charter schools. This is in contrast to other professional licenses, like those for attorneys or CPA's, that are required for all active professionals in those fields - not just those that work for the state.

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