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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NOS. 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920,  
921, 922, 923, 924, 925 AND 926, S.D. 1

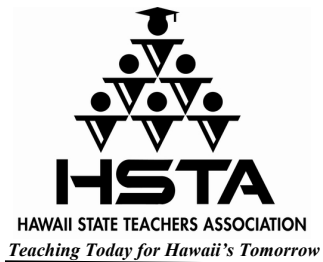
**February 21, 2017**  
**10:05 a.m.**  
**Room 211**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. The bargaining units addressed in the bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that bargaining unit are as follows: Senate Bill No. 924, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 914, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 915, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 916, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 917, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 918, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 919, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 920, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 921, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 922, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 923, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 925, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 926, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

RE: SB 917, SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports SB 917, SD1**, relating to public employment cost items.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is the exclusive representative of the state's 13,500 public school teachers. As the local affiliate of the 2.2 million member National Education Association, we are currently in negotiations with the state on a new HSTA-BOE master agreement. This measure provides a vehicle to fund a collective bargaining agreement for bargaining unit (5) upon ratification of new contract.

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