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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR, CULTURE & THE ARTS

RE: SB 1073 - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports SB 1073**, making appropriations for collective bargaining cost items. This bill provides appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (5) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is the exclusive representative of the state's 13,700 public school educators and the local affiliate of the 2.2 million member National Education Association. 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.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078,
1079, 1080, AND 1081

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Room 225

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

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 if an agreement is reached or arbitration award is issued requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures appropriate and authorize appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2021-23.

The bargaining units addressed in the bills are as follows: Senate Bill No. 1069, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 1070, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 1071, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 1072, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 1073, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 1074, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 1075, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 1076, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 1077, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 1078, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 1079, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 1080, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 1081, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.