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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2017

TIME: 2:45 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 229

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 Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) thanks the Senate Committee on Education for introducing SB195 and **strongly supports** this bill to general fund Hawaii Teacher Standards Board's two specialists. The individuals who currently fill these positions support the day to day licensing functions of the HTSB, working directly with teacher applicants and licensees in all in Hawaii public schools. While their main function is managing the workflow for teacher licensing, they also support preservice preparation, US Department of Education Title 2 reporting, review of licensing standards and licensure 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 support through the work of these two specialists.

Over the past four fiscal years, since fully transitioning from the special to the general 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. 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 Education Committee's continued support for our work, to help ensure that Hawaii 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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Legislative Testimony

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By
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SB 195 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, 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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Comments: I strongly support SB 195 to appropriate moneys from the general fund for two specialist II positions within the Hawaii teacher standards board.

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I would like to support SB 195 that requests that two specialist positions in the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board be placed back under the general fund. These positions are crucial to achieve the daily demands of handling the licensing functions of teacher applicants and working with the teacher preparation programs in the state. With the continuous demand for quality teachers in Hawaii, the work being done by HTSB is critical and essential.

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