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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 917, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

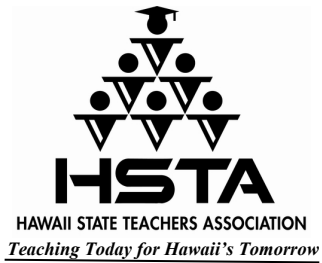
**March 31, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 308**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate or 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, for Bargaining Unit 5, Teachers.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this Administration measure, as negotiations are currently in progress and a vehicle bill will be necessary should an agreement be reached prior to the end of the legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE

RE: SB 917, SD 1, HD 1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST  
ITEMS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports SB 917, SD 1, HD 1,** 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.