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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENTATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS  
AND MEANS

RE: HB 1814, HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

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HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 1814, HD1**, relating to education.

The implementation of Act 206- Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools requires school personnel to be properly trained in the use of physical restraints, nonviolent crisis intervention, and how to develop and maintain a data base in order to document all incidents involving the use of restraints.

HB 1814, HD1, will provide the DOE with much needed funds for one full-time equivalent position (1.0 FTE) to provide training and data accountability to assist with effective implementation of Sections 302A-1141, 302A-1141.3, and 302A-1141.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of the bill. Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, requires an appropriation in order to be implemented. Teachers and school personnel must be properly trained in these methods to ensure that students are provided the best care, with qualified personnel, with properly implemented methods, who have received the specific training needed to do so. We support this bill that will provide the funds necessary to support the DOE in the training and tracking of data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

Thus, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support this bill**.