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SB 3209 SD2 – RELATING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair Onishi, Vice Sayama, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 3209 SD2, Relating to Teacher Professional Development

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education supports SB 3209 SD2 which finds teacher professional development to be a mainstay for Pre/K-12 teachers. Teacher professional development and supported learning opportunities focusing on long-term, sustained commitment to educational practice, application, reflection, and results can have a positive effective on student learning. With the proposed 21 additional hours of professional development opportunities, teachers can be empowered to invest in their respective content areas, maintain current in their field, obtain new and innovative teaching strategies, promote retention, and cultivate a culture of empowerment.