

Radio Message from HSTA President
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Last week, as President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, I took responsibility for the teachers' rejection of a proposed contract.

The Governor has asked us for a new proposal. Thousands of teachers have come forward to offer their thoughts. Even as we continue to listen, we hear an overwhelming number of teachers asking that we return to the negotiating table.

But now, a few politicians want to legislate away our right to negotiate, strip teachers of our due process rights, to be hired and fired at the will of politicians and administrators.

These bills will turn Hawaii into the next Wisconsin.

For thirty years, as a member of HSTA, I have answered every Call to Action. Now, as President, I am calling on Hawaii's 13,000 public school teachers, our families, and our friends to act.

Together, our voices will be heard.

Legislation to weaken negotiation is wrong for Hawaii.