The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board grants full approval to Teach for America Educator Preparation Program effective June 16, 2016 through December 31, 2018. This approval is based on a Council for Educator Preparation (CAEP) onsite review, their team’s recommendation for accreditation, and the Inquiry Brief Commission of the CAEP Accreditation Council’s decision to award full initial accreditation effective May 2, 2016 through June 30, 2023, with the following three weaknesses:

- Weakness in Quality Principle I, Component 1.3: The TFA-HI system for gauging readiness for taking full teaching responsibility is not consistently adequate.
- Weakness in Quality Principle I, Component 1.5: The faculty have not fully demonstrated the validity of their assessments.
- Weakness in Quality Principle II, Component 2.2: The faculty have not systematically incorporated evidence of program and candidate/completer outcomes into their decision-making process.

The unit must do one of the following to be eligible for continuing state approval:
- A national or state review must be scheduled no later than fall 2022 prior to the expiration of CAEP’s accreditation on June 30, 2023.

The unit must submit an annual report to the HTSB including evidence toward resolving all of the above weaknesses. Failure to include evidence could result in suspension of state approval. Once the unit successfully removes all weaknesses they will be eligible for five additional years through December 31, 2023, of state approval without an additional onsite review.

The unit may recommend candidates for the following license fields:

- Elementary Education K-6
- English 6-12
- Mathematics 6-12
- Science 6-12
- Social Studies 6-12
- World Languages 6-12
A letter will be sent to the unit informing them of the Board’s state approval.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee