

TITLE: Consideration of Hawaii Educator Preparation Provider Student Teaching Placement for Military and Military Spouses or Registered Domestic Partners

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following policy for Hawaii Educator Preparation Providers (EPP) with teacher candidates who are current active-duty members of the military or current military spouses or registered domestic partners:

- Teacher candidates who are current active-duty military or current spouses or registered domestic partners enrolled in Hawaii EPP may be offered the option of completing their field and student teaching experiences in the location in which they are stationed;
- Hawaii EPP may utilize virtual observation of these teacher candidates;
- Hawaii EPP must obtain a copy of official verification, in a format specified by HTSB staff, of active military status of the teacher candidate or for the spouse or registered domestic partner prior to the commencement of student teaching or internship. The EPP must submit that evidence to the HTSB at the time that the candidate is recommended for Hawaii licensure.

This policy is adopted to provide maximum flexibility for Hawaii EPP preparing military service members, spouses, and registered domestic partners who may be relocated and unable to complete their preparation program under the current requirement of Hawaii placements for clinical experience and student teaching.

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