

New Business Item 20-27

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TITLE: Extension of Temporary Suspension of the 450 Hour Requirement for Supervised Clinical Experience in Student Teaching, Internship, or Residency of Teacher Candidates in Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Programs Due to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board extends the following exception to its Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 450-hour clinical experience requirement described in 8-54-19 (5) (A) to allow current student teachers, interns, and residents enrolled in Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Programs who meet all other requirements to be recommended for licensure.

Under HAR 8-54-16, the HTSB may suspend its rules if extenuating circumstances exist that may prevent a teacher from complying with the rules. Hawaii student teachers, interns, and residents affected by the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, who meet all other requirements but may be prevented by circumstances outside of their control, from completing the full 450 hours of student teaching, may be recommended to HTSB for state licensure.

If the emergency situation prevents a teacher candidate from meeting the content knowledge requirement set by the educator preparation program prior to the start of student teaching in the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year, or any year in which a statewide emergency proclamation has been declared by the Governor, the candidate may begin their student teaching without meeting the content knowledge requirement, but must meet this requirement prior to being recommended for licensure.

EPP may utilize face-to-face, virtual, or a combination of observation formats for observation of teacher candidates to verify they meet required competencies.

EPP must be prepared to provide documentation at their annual audit conducted by HTSB staff on how they verified that these candidates met all Hawaii Teacher Performance Standards prior to recommendation for licensure.

This rule suspension shall remain in effect for the duration of Governor David Ige's Supplemental Emergency Proclamation, or until the end of the school year immediately following the termination of any extension of this or a future emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 Pandemic that could prevent the completion of the 450 hours of student teaching in a Hawaii State Approved Teacher Education Program.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee

