

**New Business Item 20-29**

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**TITLE: Consideration of a New PK-3 Level in Their Existing Initial Bachelor's Degree Special Education Program at Chaminade University of Honolulu**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves Chaminade University of Honolulu's request to provide a new PK-3 level to teacher candidates to prepare them for initial licensure within their existing special education bachelor's degree which currently offers the levels of special education K-12, K-6, and 6-12. This track will be offered to meet the critical shortage of early childhood special educators in Hawaii's early learning classrooms.

Chaminade's request which outlines how they will address coursework and clinical experiences for the new level is attached.

Teacher candidates may be recommended for the following fields after completion of this preparation program:

- Special Education Mild/Moderate K-12
- Special Education Mild/Moderate K-6
- Special Education Mild/Moderate 6-12
- Special Education Mild/Moderate PK-3

The Executive Director will notify Chaminade of this decision and have information on the HTSB website updated to reflect this new level.

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**Referred to:** Teacher Education Committee