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To: Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board

From: Lois A. Yamauchi, PhD  
Professor and Chair, Educational Psychology

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**Re: Testimony in support of NBI 24-21 Revised**

Meetings: April 25, 2025 HTSB Education Committee Meeting, Agenda item IIIb (NBI 24-21 Revised, UHM School Counseling Program Review) and General Business Meeting, Agenda item IVL (NBI 24-21 Revised, UHM School Counseling Program Review)

We are writing as representatives of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School Counseling Program **in support of New Business Item 24-21 Revised (NBI 24-21 Revised)** to approve the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's (UH Mānoa) School Counseling Program for initial P12 licensure. We would like to thank the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board for the opportunity to revise our application and the Review Committee for working with us clarify requested revisions.

In addition, we are writing to request a correction of NBI 24-21 Revised regarding the statement **“The School Counseling Program will remain online, but the course delivery has been redesigned from a hybrid (e.g., asynchronous and synchronous) to a synchronous model.”** To clarify, the program was originally designed as a hybrid model with both online synchronous and in-person components. The in-person component pertains to students' in-person practicum and internship, with instructors traveling to supervise them at their internship sites. As NBI 24-21 Revised notes, we have added additional in-person sessions each year and changed language on the syllabi to clarify that delivery is synchronous. The program is still a hybrid program of synchronous online classes and in-person practicum and internship. Thus, we request that the sentence be changed to state, **“The School Counseling Program will be delivered in a hybrid format, which will include synchronous online and in-person opportunities.”**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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