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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hawaii Teacher Standards Board
General Business Meeting
650 Iwilei Road, Suite 268
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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Agenda Item M - NBI 22-42: Adoption of the 2022-2023 Hawaiian Focus Work Group Recommendations (Part I)

As the College of Education at the University of Hawaii-Manoa HTSB Hawaiian Workgroup representative, I respectfully submit this testimony in support of Agenda Item M - NBI 22-42: Adoption of the 2022-2023 Hawaiian Focus Work Group Recommendations (Part I). Continuing to issue license fields for Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies ensures that all EPPs continue to address Hawaii’s teacher shortage. The continuation of the Hawaiian Knowledge license field is necessary as it is one step closer to fully realizing the goal of addressing Hawaiian language, history and culture in one license.

Since Hawaii is a dual language state, English and Hawaiian, the renaming of the license fields are appropriate and necessary.

Ua mau no ke ea o ka aina i ka pono