

**New Business Item 15-28**

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**TITLE: Formation of Hawaii and National Code of Ethics Work Group**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the formation of a work group to meet during the 2016-2017 school year to review the HTSB Code of Ethics and the Model Code of Ethics for Educators.

1. The work group shall be composed of the following representatives:
  - Hawaii Department of Education representative recommended by the Superintendent;
  - Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission representative recommended by the Chairperson of the SPCSC;
  - Teacher preparation faculty recommended by the Chairperson of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee;
  - Hawaii State Teachers Association representative recommended by the President of the HSTA;
  - Licensed teachers from the field, recommended by the HSTA. An individual may meet more than one criteria:
    - A licensed teacher actively teaching from each of the following grade levels: elementary, middle level, secondary. If possible, these individuals would hold National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification or have the Teacher Leader designation on their HTSB license;
    - A charter school teacher;
    - A teacher from each county: Kauai, Honolulu, Maui, Hawaii;
  - A school principal from each level: elementary, middle and secondary schools, recommended by their Complex Area Superintendent.
2. After review of the current HTSB Code of Ethics and the Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) the work group shall make the following recommendations to the HTSB:
  - Adoption, adaptation, or endorsement of the MCEE;
  - Revision or replacement the HTSB Code of Ethics;
  - Make no changes.
3. If the work group recommends any action in 2 above, it shall also recommend:
  - Methods for disseminating information to the field and gathering input from all stakeholders;
  - Timeline for HTSB consideration.

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**Referred to:** Teacher Standards Committee