

**New Business Item 15-38**

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**TITLE: Addition of American Sign Language (ASL) License Field and  
Adoption of ETS ASL Content Assessment and Passing Score**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the new World Language license field of American Sign Language in the following levels:

- K-6
- 6-8
- 6-12
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The HTSB also adopts the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI), offered by the Praxis program, as an option for verification of content knowledge for this license field. The passing score of 3+, or 170 on the Praxis Scale, is also adopted. This score is based on the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA) recommendation for a cut score for provisional certification. This assessment may be used for initial licensure or to add this field to an existing Hawaii license.

The Executive Director shall inform Hawaii Educator Preparation Providers, the Department of Education, Hawaii Charter Schools, the Hawaii Association of Independent School and the Hawaii State Teachers Association of this new field.

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**Referred to:** Teacher Education Committee