

New Business Item 16-06

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TITLE: Hawaiian Language Immersion Licenses and Permits

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following criteria for awarding a special permit or provisional license to individuals identified by the Office of Hawaii Education as eligible to fill critical shortage vacancies in Kaia ʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai ʻi, Hawaiian Language Immersion, and Hawaiian Knowledge classrooms:

1. Allow a special permit in the fields of Kaia ʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai ʻi, Hawaiian Language Immersion, and Hawaiian Knowledge for up to five years, with one renewal, to an individual who:
 - a) Holds the minimum of a high school diploma;
 - b) Is assessed in the Hawaiian language by an Hawaiian Language Immersion educator preparation program (HLI EPP) or by the Office of Hawaiian Education (OHE);
 - c) Completes twenty-four hours of induction by an HLI EPP or the OHE;
 - d) Submits a professional development plan on how the individual will obtain licensure, to be monitored by the OHE or a HLI EPP;
 - e) Meets Professional Fitness requirements;
 - f) Pays the fee to practice the profession of teaching.
2. The Office of Hawaiian Education will submit a report to the HTSB on progress of the individuals employed under this exception as of September 16, 2016, on February 1 and July 1 of each year beginning on February 1, 2017, on a form provided by HTSB staff.
4. During the 2016-2017 school year, the Executive Director will reconvene the Hawaiian Workgroup to make recommendations for amendment of the Administrative Rules on a special permit and limited provisional license for the Hawaiian fields.

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Referred to: Committee of the Whole