
[EXTERNAL] Testimony

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Agenda Item: NBI 25-07 The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa American Samoa Completers
Position: Comment

I ask that the following language of the final paragraph be stricken from NBI 25-07:

"Upon approval of this NBI, UH Mānoa COE faculty will need to report this licensure pathway to its accreditor, The Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). This pathway should also be included in all AAQEP accreditation reviews and reports."

The above statement seems to imply that UH Mānoa is offering American Samoa (AS) completers a pathway that is different from programs we currently offer and are accredited by AAQEP. This is not the case. It is the intent of the UH Mānoa College of Education to provide AS completers with (a) information on licensure requirements that need to be fulfilled and (b) available pathways in UH Mānoa's COE that will support completion of HTSB's licensure requirements. The available pathways have already been reviewed and accredited by AAQEP.

The options that will be provided to AS completers are not a separate licensure pathway and therefore would not need to be reported as a unique licensure pathway.

Mahalo for considering this request.

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