

**New Business Item 12-12**

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**TITLE: Amendment of State Approval for the University of Hawaii-West Oahu  
Teacher Education Programs**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves granting the University of Hawaii - West Oahu request to extend the provisional approval date for the Baccalaureate Middle-Level and Secondary Teacher Education Programs from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2015. The institution makes this request due to the fact that the programs have not been implemented. The delay in implementation is attributed to the downturn in the economy, resulting in the lack of adequate resources to staff and maintain these programs. Pending approval of this request, provisional approval for these programs will be extended from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2015.

**Submitted by:** Terry Lynn Holck

**Referred to:** Teacher Education Committee



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September 24, 2012

TO: The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB)

FROM: Dr. Mary F. Heller, Professor & Chair  
Division of Education  
University of Hawai'i West O'ahu (UHWO)

RE: Request for extension of provisional approval:  
UHWO Middle-level & Secondary Teacher Education programs  
NBI 08-44; NBI 08-45; NBI 09-86

I am writing to request a three-year extension of HTSB's provisional approval of the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu's middle-level and secondary teacher education programs. The current approval timeframe is January 29, 2009 through December 31, 2012. Our request would extend provisional approval to December 31, 2015.

The primary reason for this request is the fact that our programs have not yet been implemented. The delay in implementation is attributed to the downturn in the economy, resulting in the lack of adequate resources to staff and maintain these programs. For example, during the past State legislative session, no new FTE faculty positions were given to UHWO.

On February 13, 2012, the UH System Council of Chief Academic Officers endorsed our middle-level and secondary teacher education programs. The final step towards implementation will be presentation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, which we hope to accomplish as soon as State funding for resources is favorably acted upon by the legislature.

The faculty in the Division of Education is excited to begin this new chapter in the development of UHWO teacher preparation programs. The middle-level and secondary education concentrations in English, Math, Science, and the Social Studies are highly anticipated by prospective candidates. In fulfillment of the mission of our division and the institution, we look forward to serving the teacher workforce needs of Central and Leeward O'ahu.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

cc: Dr. Gene Awakuni, Chancellor  
Dr. Jacque Kilpatrick, Interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, HTSB  
Carolyn Gyuran, Education Specialist, HTSB