The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) defers adopts implementation of the following recommendations of the 2014-2015 Hawaiian Focus Work Group, which were included in the workgroup’s report presented at the June 2015 meeting:

- After July 1, 2022, initial licensure in the separate fields of Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies not be issued;
- A new field of Hawaiian Knowledge P-3, K-6, 6-8, 6-12, K-12, and P-12 be issued as a blend of Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies;
- The license field Hawaiian Language Immersion be renamed Kaiaʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai‘i;
- The standards for Hawaiian Knowledge and Kaiaʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai‘i be adopted for use by preparation providers and for licensure, with the provision that Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) using the current standards may continue to use them until they have completed their next State Approval of Teacher Education Program (SATEP) review;
- Indigenous Education Programs be reviewed by a joint World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC)/HTSB team of reviewers;
- The content assessment administered at UH Hilo as Hawaiian 490 is recognized for use as a licensure assessment and to add a field in Hawaiian Language, Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian Language Immersion, Kaiaʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai‘i and Hawaiian Knowledge. The Office of Hawaiian Education and Hawaiian Immersion educator preparation programs at UH-Manoa and UH-Hilo will collaborate to ensure that the course Hawaiian 490 includes appropriate content and congruence for the fields of Hawaiian Language, Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian Language Immersion, Kaiaʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai‘i and Hawaiian Knowledge. Once reviewed and approved by the HTSB, the content assessment currently administered at UH-Manoa will be added as Hawaiian 490 and will be recognized for use as a licensure assessment and to add a field in Hawaiian Language, Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian Language Immersion, Kaiaʻōlelo-Kaiapuni Hawai‘i and Hawaiian Knowledge if it is adopted.

The Board directs the Executive Director to facilitate reconvene the Hawaiian Fields Work Group to review their recommendations made at the March 5, 2022 board meeting, meeting of Hawaii SATEP to disseminate information about the new fields, standards and requirements no later than June 30, 2016.
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