

New Business Item 18-23 Revised

Introduced March 8, 2019

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Reintroduced January 13, 2023

TITLE: Revision of Hawaii Department of Education's Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Add a Teaching Field

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) to use thirty (30) semester hours of coursework, fifteen (15) of which are upper division from Kapiolani Community College (KCC) to be used by teachers to meet the content knowledge requirement to add the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) to their existing Hawaii license. Teachers must also meet all other requirements to add a teaching field to an existing license.

In compliance with [NBI 22-29](#), applicants are required to provide HTSB with official transcripts documenting 30 semester credits of TESOL courses, fifteen (15) of those courses must be upper-division courses.

OR

Submit to HTSB official passing scores of the HTSB approved licensure exam in TESOL.

Any modifications to this program must be reported to the HTSB immediately for Board approval and/or action.

This revised NBI will not include teachers who completed or started HIDOE's original 24/6 program in 2019 under the original [NBI 18-23](#) approved on March 8, 2019.

Rationale/Background:

In 2019 The Department of Education's Office of Student Support Services partnered with KCC to offer a fully funded opportunity for teachers or Part-Time Teachers (PTT) with a valid HTSB license to work toward becoming Hawaii Qualified in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). This pathway allowed these teachers to add the TESOL field to their existing Hawaii license. The track included twenty-four credit hours from KCC and six credit hours either from another institution of higher education or from the DOE's PDe3 offerings. The program was a 30-credit program consisting of:

- 24 credits (8 courses that are aligned to TESOL standards) to be completed at KCC
- 6 TESOL-related credits

On March 8, 2019, [NBI 18-23](#) was approved without meeting HTSB's policy on adding a field to a license. Since inception, this NBI has been out of compliance. On October 14, 2022, HTSB approved [NBI 22-29](#) which reaffirmed HTSB's policy on adding a field to a license. This revised NBI will ensure that this process for adding a field is in compliance.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee

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