

**TITLE: Consideration of Recommendations from HTSB's 2022 Annual Educator Preparation Provider Completer Audit**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board licensing staff completed the 2022 annual Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program completer audit with the full support of all Board approved EPPs. The following are the audit results for each EPP.

At each audit, the following was reviewed for a random sample of program completers reported between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022:

- Basic skills verification completed prior to program entry
- Content knowledge verification completed before student teaching, and prior to being recommended for licensure
- Student teaching/internship placement verification as appropriate for license field recommendation

The following providers met all audit criteria:

- Brigham Young University-Hawaii
- Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Hawaii Pacific University
- iTeach Hawaii
- Kahoiwai
- Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program
- Leeward Community College
- Teach Away
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Hawaii at West Oahu
- University of Phoenix

The following provider did not meet all audit criteria:

- Teach for America (TFA) Hawaii:

Violation of [NBI 12-29 Revised](#), it is the responsibility of the EPP to verify content knowledge prior to recommending a candidate for licensure.

- TFA did not verify content knowledge for one candidate prior to recommending them for licensure.
- TFA recommended the candidate for a license field different from the content knowledge that was verified.
- TFA informed HTSB of this issue on 9/28/22 after the names of the audit were given.
- All other TFA teacher candidates in the audit met audit requirements.

The HTSB affirms the following recommendations based on the audit:

1. Hawaii Educator Preparation Providers meeting all audit requirements are commended.
2. HTSB conduct an audit of all their EPP completers in TFA between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, with results reported at the January 2023 HTSB meeting.

**Rationale/Background:**

HTSB's annual audit of the EPPs is guided by [NBI 13-14](#).

Due to COVID-19, the Board had approved two NBIs that impacted teacher preparation during the audited period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. [NBI 20-27](#) allowed teacher candidates to complete their student teaching prior to meeting their content knowledge requirements and [NBI 19-42 Revised](#) suspended the 450 hours requirement of supervised clinical experience. Both NBIs are no longer in effect.

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