

TITLE: Consideration of Recommendations from HTSB Educator Preparation Provider Completer Audit for Teach For America Hawaii

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) licensing staff completed the 2022 Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program completer audit of all the Teach for America (TFA) completers for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, in response to [NBI 13-14](#).

Teach for America completers were reviewed for the following items:

- 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

Findings:

- Six completers were recommended for Algebra I.
- TFA is not approved for Algebra I and therefore utilized [NBI 08-58](#), which was in effect at the time of candidate enrollment.
- On November 19, 2021, HTSB [rescinded NBI 08-58](#), which allowed for Hawaii approved preparation programs to recommend a completer for a secondary license field that the program was not approved for. When this NBI was rescinded, HTSB requested a list be sent by December 31, 2022, from the Hawaii approved preparation programs listing those candidates that were completing their program using [NBI 08-58](#). TFA sent HTSB their list on December 17, 2022.
- All six of the TFA completers, mentioned above were listed on December 17, 2022, TFA list that was sent to HTSB citing [NBI 08-58](#).
- All other TFA completers met all of the criteria for the audit.

Recommendation:

HTSB will return TFA to the annual audit schedule following [NBI 13-14](#).

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Referred to Teacher Education Committee