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TITLE: Formation of the Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensing Workgroup

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the formation of an Early Childhood Education (ECE) workgroup to meet during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school year. This workgroup will review HTSB's licensure criteria in ECE license fields and levels.

1. The workgroup may be composed of the following representatives:
 - The Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL), or their representative
 - The Dean of a Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Education Preparation (SATEP) program with an approved Early Childhood Program, or their representative
 - A Hawai'i State Teachers Association (HSTA) representative recommended by the President of the HSTA
 - The Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE), or their representative
 - The Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission (SPCSC), or their representative
 - A current HIDOE and a current Hawai'i State Public Charter School Principal/Director that has an ECE program on their campus or within their school
 - A licensed and currently employed Early Childhood Educator from the HIDOE and a Hawai'i State Public Charter School
 - A current HIDOE employee from the recruitment and retention office.
 - A National Board representative who is familiar with ECE or has expertise with ECE National Board Certification in Hawai'i.
2. The workgroup will, among other tasks, revisit [NBI 17-06 Revised](#) and shall provide recommendations, including:
 - Whether the HTSB should revise or replace the current licensure requirements for ECE to include new, alternative, or revised pathways to obtain an ECE license, including through a PRAXIS exam;
 - Whether the HTSB should accept certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards pertaining to Early Childhood Generalist (teachers teaching ages 3-8) and Exceptional Needs (teachers teaching ages birth-21 and older) as a pathway for licensure; or
 - That the HTSB should make no changes.
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 - Methods for disseminating information to the practitioners in the field and gathering input from all stakeholders.

Rationale/Background:

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Cost:

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