## TITLE: Verification of Successful Completion of a State-Approved Teacher Education Program for All Out-of-State Applicants Seeking Licensure in Hawaii

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) requires out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in the State of Hawaii to verify the successful completion of a State Approved Teacher Education Program (SATEP). The completion of a SATEP can be achieved by going through a traditional or alternative pathway to licensure. Verification shall be submitted using an HTSB-approved form.

## Rationale/Background:

Part of HTSB's mission is to ensure every child in Hawaii has qualified teachers. Currently, some U.S. teacher licensing agencies have lowered requirements for individuals to obtain a teacher license. Verifying that an out-of-state applicant successfully completed a SATEP provides HTSB with some assurance that applicants went through a vetted program and meet requirements in another state or jurisdiction.

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