The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves a moratorium for all Hawaii Approved Education Preparation Providers (EPP) and EPPs seeking program approval with HTSB. This moratorium will take effect immediately and end on November 30, 2023.

The pause on program approvals will provide HTSB staff time to complete and provide a board report in the following areas:

- Collect and analyze data on EPP capacity/enrollment for all approved programs
- Analyze and prioritize HTSB approved programs in relation to the area of licensure needs in Hawaii
- Collect and analyze data of EPP completers
- Revise EPP resources and procedures for program approval
- Update and organize HTSB archived EPP documents
- Evaluate currently approved programs and compliance with HTSB’s statutes, rules, and policies
- Work with HTSB’s Licensing Management System (LMS) Operators on enhancements to HTSB’s EPP portal on the LMS and EPP survey data
- Provide the board with identified needs and next steps

This moratorium will not impact programs that have an approved Letter of Intent or programs that have already turned in their program for review and are within the two years of their Letter of Intent.

**Rationale/Background:**
This will be the first moratorium since the Board’s inception in 1995. Taking time to review the programs that are currently in place would help identify the needs for future programs.

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