

**TITLE: Approval of Revisions to Hawaii Revised Statutes for the 2023-2024  
Legislative Session**

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(9) Developing criteria for a full career and technical education license, limited to career and technical education teaching assignments, allowing qualified individuals with at least an associate's degree or comparable education and experience, coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach;

**Rationale/Background:**

On April 28, 2023, NBI 22-101 was approved. The 2022-2023 Career Technical Education (CTE) Workgroup reached consensus on modifying the Standard Limited CTE License requirement. "Regarding the CTE Standard Limited License: Allow the requirement of an associate degree to be met by a combination of comparable industry experience and education. Consistent with industry practices and University of Hawaii hiring practices."

All the role groups in the CTE workgroup reached consensus including teacher's union polling that supported the vote. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa also provided an example of how their hiring procedures allow for associate degree requirements to be met by comparable industry experience and education.

The CTE workgroup met four times in the Spring of 2023 and was composed of the following representatives:

- Hawai'i Department of Education, State Superintendent designee:
  - Wanelle Kaneshiro
- State CTE office, Executive Director:
  - Steve Schatz
- Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission representative recommended by the Chairperson of the SPCSC:
  - PJ Foehr
- A State Approved Teacher Education Preparation (SATEP) faculty members:
  - Erin Yagi
  - Colby McNaughton
  - Dr. Kurt Johnson
- Hawai'i State Teachers Association President:
  - Osa Tui Jr.
- Licensed teacher(s) from the field that are licensed or have job embedded teaching experience in CTE:
  - Kevin Matsunaga

- A HODOE and/or Hawai'i Charter School principal/director that have a CTE program:
  - Principal Joseph Halfmann
  - Principal Terri York

**Cost:**

Costs are included in the current staff job duties/responsibilities.

**Submitted by:** Branden Kawazoe

**Referred to:** Legislative Committee

**REVISIONS: in Red and Underlined**

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