

New Business Item 24-25

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TITLE: Granting Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Preparation Providers with Approved Science Programs the Option to Recommend in Grade Levels 6-8

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) grants HTSB approved Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) with approved secondary science 6-12 licensure programs the option to recommend teacher candidates in Science 6-8.

Additionally, EPPs with approved STEM programs may also recommend candidates for STEM 6-8 licensure.

The HTSB approved EPP will be allowed to recommend their teacher candidates in Science 6-8 if the teacher candidate has met the following requirements:

- Successfully meet the content knowledge requirements in Science 6-8.
- Successfully complete their clinical experience, student teaching, or internship in the recommended Science 6-8 licensure field.

Rationale/Background:

Allowing HTSB-approved EPPs to recommend their teacher candidates in either secondary science 6-12 or science 6-8 ensures that teacher candidates are well-prepared to address the distinct needs of teaching at different grade levels. It also ensures that candidates meet the necessary content knowledge requirements and complete clinical experience or student teaching in the relevant science field, providing them with the thorough preparation needed to teach effectively at the appropriate grade level.

Cost:

All costs are included in the current staff job duties/responsibilities.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee