

**TITLE: Granting Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Preparation Providers with Approved Science Programs the Option to Recommend within the Science License Fields**

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

- Earth and Space Sciences
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Physical Science

The HTSB approved EPP will be allowed to recommend their teacher candidates in the above science fields if the teacher candidate has met the following requirements:

- Successfully demonstrate content knowledge in the subject area for which licensure is being recommended.
- Complete clinical experience relevant to the recommended licensure field

EPPs should notify their teacher candidates that receiving a recommendation in a specific science field, rather than in general science, could affect the flexibility of their employment opportunities.

**Rationale/Background:**

Allowing EPPs to recommend their teacher candidates in specific science fields ensures that candidates possess both the necessary content knowledge and practical teaching experience to be effective educators. By requiring candidates to meet the content knowledge requirements and complete clinical experience, HTSB ensures that the recommended teachers are well-prepared to teach in their designated fields, ultimately benefiting students by providing high-quality education in science disciplines. This approach also maintains the integrity and effectiveness of the licensure process, ensuring that candidates have the expertise and hands-on experience necessary to succeed in the classroom and meet the diverse needs of students.

**Cost:**

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

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