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Dear Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board,

This is testimony for NBI 22-45.

We had a candidate who was approved by us to use the NBI 08-58 to pursue licensure in Algebra 1 instead of his original license area of 6-12 Mathematics. He had passed the Algebra 1 Praxis II and was teaching Algebra 1 in addition to other math courses at his school.

I am usually the one who submits our completers list but I was out on maternity leave when the list was uploaded. The staff member that submitted the list in my absence mistakenly did not change the teacher candidate's license area to Algebra I from 6-12 Mathematics.

We worked with HTSB staff to rectify the situation; the candidate uploaded a voluntary surrender form for his 6-12 Mathematics license and applied for the correct Algebra 1 license. He now has an active license with the corrected license field.

We have since checked all of the candidates we recommended and confirmed this was the only error. We have checks in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.

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