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Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board
650 Iwilei Road, Suite 201
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817

Dear Teacher Standards Committee Members,

We are submitting testimony to support the revision of New Business Item 12-29. Current HTSB policy provides Hawaii SATEPs (and their teacher candidates) and licensee applicants from out-of-state with the option to meet the content knowledge requirement through thirty semester hours in the content field. The current policy seems to be targeting single subject *secondary* content areas. Given the multiple subject nature of *elementary*, we request that HTSB revise the current policy to clarify the coursework requirements for elementary as specified in the proposed revision to NBI 12-29:

A minimum of thirty semester hours in the content field from an accredited institution of higher education, at least fifteen of which must be upper division level. *For Elementary Education K-6 licensure a total of thirty-six semester hours, including nine semester hours in each of the following four content areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. At least three semester hours in each of the core content areas must be upper division level;*

We appreciate your attention, and would be pleased to respond to any questions or to provide any additional information regarding our testimony.

Sincerely,

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