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LEEWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Lynn Hammonds
Executive Director
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board
650 Iwilei Road, Suite 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Lynn,

As the coordinator for the Teacher Education programs at Leeward Community College, I am submitting this "Letter of Intent" to Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. I am requesting the Board to consider approving the development of a Teacher Education Program in Special Education PK-12 which will become an added field.

The Leeward Community College Teacher Education Program is proposing to add a field in order to produce home-grown K-12 special education teachers. As a nationally accredited SATEP, we are branching out to address the chronic special education teacher shortage in hard-to-fill placements statewide by offering the Advanced Professional Certificate. As a community college with a staunch mission to produce graduates who fulfill local workforce needs, offering this additional program would address a critical shortage of culturally responsive special educators with a demonstrated long term commitment to working with unique populations of students in Hawai'i's historically underserved public schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbie Martel".

Bobbie Martel
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