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Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the
Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports H.B. 1078 (HSCR79), but
recommends changes to the definition of "teacher educator".
Following are our recommendations.

We recommend that the definition of "teacher educator",
subsection (1) read as follows:

A "teacher educator" means a person whose duties are primarily
teaching, instructing, or performing related activities centered
primarily on students working toward a license to teach in the
state of Hawai'i.

Rationale:

We suggest the changes in subsection (1) in order to
accommodate teacher educators who teach in alternative post-
baccalaureate certificate programs which are not degree
programs, but which lead to a license to teach in Hawai'i.

We recommend subsection (2) be eliminated.

Rationale:

Subsection 2 will negate the possibility of participation by
the vast majority (probably over 90%) of teacher educators in
Hawai'i since they come to Hawai'i from other states after
going through a national search process. In order for this
project to be successful, we must accept teacher educators who
have licenses to teach in other states. For example, the one
teacher educator currently seeking national board
certification has a license and very recent K-12 classroom
experience in Maryland. Once she receives national board
certification, she will be eligible for a Hawai'i license.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.