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Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and Members of the Committee:

H.C.R.193/H.R 145 requests the department of education to change teacher qualifications for individuals with postgraduate degrees in fields other than education to allow them to teach advanced placement courses in math, science, and English. The University of Hawai'i supports the consideration of this possible change of policy. We note, however, that it is the responsibility of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to determine teacher licensing requirements. As such, we suggest that this resolution be directed to the HTSB. It is our observation that the HTSB has been remarkably flexible in its awarding of licenses, and we are confident they will respond appropriately and quickly to this request.

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