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Appeals and Waivers Committee

Consideration of Actions to Assist Applicants, Educators, and Credential Candidates Impacted by Emergency Health and Safety Conditions Related to COVID-19

AGENDA INSERT

Executive Summary: This agenda item will present for the Commission's consideration actions that the Commission may take in order to assist applicants, educators, and credential candidates impacted by the emergency health and safety conditions related to COVID-19. Specifically, the item will address three areas where the Commission may take action: 1) the option for the Commission to consider deferring the Basic Skills Requirement for individuals unable to complete the examination due to the current crisis; 2) the option for the Commission to consider allowing re-issuances or renewals of credentials, permits, and waivers where the holder was unable to complete the requirements for renewal due to the ongoing crisis; and 3) the option for the Commission to approve multiple requests made by Commission-approved institutions for Variable Term Waivers for candidate(s) that were unable to complete one or more program requirements.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve the options presented.

Presenter: Erin Skubal, Director, Certification Division

Strategic Plan Goal

I. Educator Quality

- C) Ensure that credential processing and assignment monitoring activities accurately, effectively, and efficiently identify educators who have met high and rigorous certification standards and who are appropriately assigned.

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Introduction

This agenda insert provides additional information on teacher preparation program sponsors who wish to add their names for consideration of the waiver on behalf of their candidates.

Additional Approved Programs Requesting Variable Term Waivers for Candidates Affected by the Public Health and Safety Crisis Related to COVID-19

1. Antelope Valley Union High School District
2. Madera Unified School District
3. Merced County Office of Education
4. Tulare County Office of Education