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June 20, 2024

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Chair, Assembly Education
Committee
1020 N Street, Room 159
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1263 (Newman)

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

As an organization committed to advancing policies and practices that dismantle the racial and economic barriers embedded in California's education system, Ed Trust—West (ETW) is pleased to support SB 1263 (Newman), as amended on June 17, 2024. This bill would require the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene a workgroup to examine the design and implementation of teaching performance assessments (TPAs).

ETW is hopeful that SB 1263 will now help to streamline and improve the administration and scoring of TPAs to ensure they are an additive, constructive experience for candidates, and that they do not have a disparate impact for candidates of color. Doing so is critical for both addressing the state's shortage of teachers of color and providing all students with teachers who are fully prepared to teach.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 1263.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Josh Newman
Members of the Assembly Education Committee
Chelsea Kelley, Principal Consultant, Assembly Education Committee