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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending its title to read:

4           "§302A-706 [~~Teacher-national~~] National board certification  
5 incentive program."

6           2. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7           "(a) There is established within the department the  
8 [~~teacher~~] national board certification incentive program to  
9 recognize and support exemplary [~~teaching~~] educational practice  
10 by supporting public school teachers and school psychologists  
11 who have achieved national board certification under the  
12 certification program of the National Board for Professional  
13 Teaching Standards [-] or National Association of School  
14 Psychologists. The [~~teacher~~] national board certification  
15 incentive program shall provide:



- 1 (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
2 or school psychologist who maintains current national  
3 board certification;
- 4 (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the  
5 certification program of the National Board for  
6 Professional Teaching Standards;
- 7 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board  
8 certification application fee upon achievement of  
9 national board certification; [~~and~~]
- 10 (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public  
11 school teacher or school psychologist who maintains  
12 current national board certification and who [~~teaches~~]  
13 is employed at:
- 14 (A) A school in a focus, priority, or  
15 superintendent's zone, or other similar  
16 designation, as determined by the department;
- 17 (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined  
18 by the department; or
- 19 (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
20 department [~~-~~]; and



1       (5) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for any public  
2       school teacher or school psychologist who received a  
3       yearly bonus pursuant to paragraph (4); provided that  
4       the teacher or school psychologist maintains national  
5       board certification and continues working in the same  
6       school after the school transitions out of the  
7       qualifying designation pursuant to paragraph (4). The  
8       teacher or school psychologist shall receive the  
9       additional bonus from the time the school no longer  
10       meets any of the criteria under paragraph (4) until  
11       the end date of the teacher or school psychologist's  
12       ten-year national board certification in effect at the  
13       time the school lost its designation, or until the  
14       teacher or school psychologist is no longer employed  
15       at the school, whichever occurs first."

16       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Education; National Board Certification Incentive Program

**Description:**

Expands the national board certification incentive program to provide monetary incentives to school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for teachers and school psychologists in designated high-need schools that improve and become no longer designated as such. (HB2269 HD1)

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