# 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:			
16	(1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher			

or school psychologist who maintains current national

board certification;

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

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1	national board certification and continues working in
2	the same school after the school transitions from the
3	qualifying designation pursuant to paragraph (4). The
4	school psychologist shall receive the additional bonus
5	from the time the school no longer meets any of the
6	criteria under paragraph (4) until the end date of the
7	school psychologist's national board certification in
8	effect at the time the school lost its designation, or
9	until the school psychologist is no longer employed at
10	the school, whichever occurs first."
11	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
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### 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 school psychologists in certain designated schools that improve and no longer carry a certain designation. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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