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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) There is established within the department the  
4 teacher national board certification incentive program to  
5 recognize and support exemplary teaching practice by supporting  
6 public school teachers who have achieved national board  
7 certification under the certification program of the National  
8 Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The teacher national  
9 board certification incentive program shall provide:

10           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
11 who maintains current national board certification;

12           (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the  
13 certification program of the National Board for  
14 Professional Teaching Standards;

15           (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board  
16 certification application fee upon achievement of  
17 national board certification; and



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1 (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public  
2 school teacher who maintains current national board  
3 certification and who teaches at:

4 (A) A school in a focus, priority, or  
5 superintendent's zone, or other similar  
6 designation, as determined by the department;

7 (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined  
8 by the department; [~~or~~]

9 (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
10 department [~~-~~]; or

11 (D) Any department school for two or more years after  
12 the date of certification, if the teacher teaches  
13 in the certified subject area."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Teacher; Certification; Incentives

**Description:**

Provides an additional incentive option under the Department of Education's teacher national board certification incentive program for teachers who teach in their area of certification for at least two years at a Department school.

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