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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. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart C, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-           Nationally certified school psychologist;  
5 incentive program. (a) There is established within the  
6 department a nationally certified school psychologist incentive  
7 program to recognize and support exemplary educational practice  
8 by offering incentive payments to school psychologists who earn  
9 the Nationally Certified School Psychologist Credential from the  
10 National Association of School Psychologists. The nationally  
11 certified school psychologist incentive program shall provide:

12           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year to each nationally certified  
13 school psychologist who maintains a current national  
14 certification;

15           (2) Up to \$500, depending on the certification fee  
16 structure, upon completing all components of the  
17 Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential;



1       (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national  
2           certification application fee upon achievement of the  
3           Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential;  
4           and

5       (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year to each school  
6           psychologist employed by the department who maintains  
7           a current Nationally Certified School Psychologist  
8           certification and provides school psychology services  
9           to children in a hard-to-fill area as defined by the  
10          department.

11       (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
12       necessary to carry out the purposes of this section."

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
16 offer incentive pay for the nationally certified school  
17 psychologist incentive program established pursuant to section 1  
18 of this Act.

19           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 education for the purposes of this Act.



1           SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
4 appropriations contained in H.B. No.       , will cause the state  
5 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
6 exceeded by \$                   or           per cent. In addition, the  
7 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
8 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
9 exceeded by \$                   or           per cent. The combined total  
10 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
11 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
12 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
13 \$                   or           per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
14 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 15           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
16           serve the public interest; and  
17           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
18           addressed by this Act.

19           SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



# H.B. NO. 1649

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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# H.B. NO. 1649

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; School Psychologists; Nationally  
Certified School Psychologist Incentive Program; Appropriation;  
Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Establishes a nationally certified school psychologist incentive  
program. Appropriates funds for the incentive program.

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