
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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~~] \$10,000 bonus per year for each public
11 school teacher who maintains current national board
12 certification;

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



- 1 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board
- 2 certification application fee upon achievement of
- 3 national board certification; and
- 4 (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public
- 5 school teacher who maintains current national board
- 6 certification and who teaches at:
- 7 (A) A school in a focus, priority, or
- 8 superintendent's zone, or other similar
- 9 designation, as determined by the department;
- 10 (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined
- 11 by the department; or
- 12 (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the
- 13 department."

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and

17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

18 year 2026-2027 to fund the bonuses for each teacher who achieves

19 and maintains a national board certification pursuant to section

20 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

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Description:

Increases the bonus for teachers who achieve and maintain a current national board certification from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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