

JAN 23 2026

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 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 all public school teachers, including public charter school
7 teachers, who have achieved national board certification under
8 the certification program of the National Board for Professional
9 Teaching Standards. The teacher national board certification
10 incentive program shall provide:
- 11 (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school
12 teacher, including each public charter school teacher,
13 who maintains current national board certification;
- 14 (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the
15 certification program of the National Board for
16 Professional Teaching Standards;



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

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

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

(B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined by the department; or

(C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the department."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2880

Report Title:

Department of Education; Teacher National Board Certification
Incentive Program; Public Charter Schools; Teachers

Description:

Clarifies that public charter school teachers are eligible for
incentives under the Teacher National Board Certification
Incentive Program.

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