

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;



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, including each public charter school
6 teacher, who maintains current national board
7 certification and who teaches at:

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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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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