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# 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 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
11 who maintains current national board certification;
- 12 (2) \$1,500 upon completing the certification program of  
13 the National Board for Professional Teaching  
14 Standards;
- 15 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board  
16 certification application fee upon achievement of  
17 national board certification; and



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 that is in restructuring under the No~~  
5 ~~Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110;~~] A  
6 school in a focus, priority, or superintendent's  
7 zone, or other similar designation, as determined  
8 by the department;

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

11 [~~(C) A school that is not making adequate yearly~~  
12 ~~progress, but is not in restructuring under the~~  
13 ~~No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110; or~~

14 ~~(D)]~~ (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
15 department."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Teachers; Incentives; Priority and Superintendent's Zones

**Description:**

Authorizes under the teacher national board certification incentive program an additional per year bonus for teachers who maintain current national board certification and teach at a school in a focus, priority, or superintendent's zone. Deletes obsolete references. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2597 HD2)

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