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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. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending its title to read:

4           "\$302A-706 [~~Teacher national~~] National board certification  
5 incentive program."

6           2. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7           "(a) There is established within the department the  
8 [~~teacher~~] national board certification incentive program to  
9 recognize and support exemplary [~~teaching~~] educational practice  
10 by supporting public school teachers, counselors, and school  
11 psychologists who have achieved national board certification  
12 under the certification program of the National Board for  
13 Professional Teaching Standards[-], National Board of Certified  
14 Counselors, or National Association of School Psychologists.  
15 The [~~teacher~~] national board certification incentive program  
16 shall provide:



- 1           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school  
2           teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who  
3           maintains current national board certification;
- 4           (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the  
5           certification program of the National Board for  
6           Professional Teaching Standards;
- 7           (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board  
8           certification application fee upon achievement of  
9           national board certification; and
- 10          (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public  
11          school teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who  
12          maintains current national board certification and who  
13          [teaches] is employed at:
  - 14           (A) A school in a focus, priority, or  
15           superintendent's zone, or other similar  
16           designation, as determined by the department;
  - 17           (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined  
18           by the department; [~~or~~]
  - 19           (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
20           department [~~or~~]; or



1        (5) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for any public  
2        school teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who  
3        received a yearly bonus pursuant to paragraph (4);  
4        provided that the teacher, counselor, or school  
5        psychologist maintains national board certification  
6        and continues working in the same school after the  
7        school transitions out of the qualifying designation  
8        pursuant to paragraph (4). The teacher, counselor, or  
9        school psychologist shall receive the additional bonus  
10       from the time the school no longer meets any of the  
11       criteria under paragraph (4) until the end date of the  
12       teacher, counselor, or school psychologist's ten-year  
13       national board certification in effect at the time the  
14       school lost its designation, or until the teacher,  
15       counselor, or school psychologist is no longer  
16       employed at the school, whichever occurs first."

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Education; National Board Certification Incentive Program

**Description:**

Expands the national board certification incentive program to provide greater monetary incentives to public school counselors and school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for teachers, counselors, and school psychologists in designated high-need schools that improve and become no longer designated as such.

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