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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 and school psychologists  
11 who have achieved national board certification under the  
12 certification program of the National Board for Professional  
13 Teaching Standards[-] or National Association of School  
14 Psychologists. The [~~teacher~~] national board certification  
15 incentive program shall provide:



- 1           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
2                 or school psychologist who maintains current national  
3                 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 or school psychologist who maintains  
12                 current national board certification and who [~~teaches~~]  
13                 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 [~~-~~]; and



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

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, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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# H.B. NO. 497

**Report Title:**

Education; National Board Certification Incentive Program

**Description:**

Expands the National Board Certification Incentive Program to provide monetary incentives to school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for school psychologists in certain designated schools that improve and no longer carry a certain designation.

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