

ACT 228

H.B. NO. 24

A Bill for an Act Relating to Teachers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the department the teacher national board certification incentive program to recognize and support exemplary teaching practice by supporting public school teachers who have achieved national board certifi-

cation under the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The teacher national board certification incentive program shall provide:

- (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher who maintains current national board certification;
- (2) \$1,500 upon completing the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; [~~and~~]
- (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 who maintains current national board certification and who teaches at:
 - (A) A school that is in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110;
 - (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined by the department;
 - (C) A school that is not making adequate yearly progress, but is not in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110; or
 - (D) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the department.’’

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to provide salary differentials for public school teachers who maintain current national board certification and teach at qualifying schools as provided by this Act.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

(Approved June 29, 2007.)