June 12, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 12, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB11 HD2 SD2 CD1
RELATING TO TEACHERS
ACT 107 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
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 certification 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 all components of the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

(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,] in a
focus, priority, or superintendent's zone, or
other similar designation, as determined by the
department;

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

(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

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

SECTION 2. This Act shall be applied retroactively to
bonuses for the 2014 calendar year; provided that payment of
such 2014 bonuses shall be made during the 2015 calendar year,
in addition to any other bonuses for which the teacher is
eligible for the 2015 calendar year.
SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 12 day of JUN, 2015

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII