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By Senators Kastama, Oke, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles and Esser

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1 AN ACT Relating to bonuses for teachers attaining national board  
2 for professional teaching standards certification; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 28A.405 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

6 (1) The national board for professional teaching standards has  
7 established high and rigorous standards for what highly accomplished  
8 teachers should know and be able to do in order to increase students'  
9 learning results;

10 (2) The national board certifies teachers who meet these standards  
11 through a rigorous, performance-based assessment process;

12 (3) A certificate awarded by the national board attests that a  
13 teacher has met high and rigorous standards and has demonstrated the  
14 ability to make sound professional judgments about how to best meet  
15 students' learning needs and effectively help students meet challenging  
16 academic standards; and

17 (4) Teachers who attain national board certification should be  
18 acknowledged and rewarded in order to encourage more teachers to pursue  
19 certification for the benefit of Washington students.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.405  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        Certificated instructional staff who have attained certification  
4    from the national board for professional teaching standards shall  
5    receive a bonus of ten thousand dollars each year in which they  
6    maintain their certification from the national board for professional  
7    teaching standards.    The annual bonus for national certification is  
8    provided in addition to compensation received under a district's salary  
9    schedule adopted in accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be  
10   included in calculations of a district's average salary and associated  
11   salary limitation under RCW 28A.400.200.    The bonus shall not be  
12   considered earnable compensation as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or  
13   compensation earnable as defined in RCW 41.40.010 and 41.35.010.

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