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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. Chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§54-       Rounding up for teachers program. (a) Each  
5 board shall provide an option on each customer's utility bill  
6 for the customer to voluntarily:

7           (1) Round up the total amount of the customer's water  
8           utility bill to the nearest dollar amount; or

9           (2) Contribute a specific donation amount of the  
10           customer's choice,

11 with the proceeds to be deposited into the rounding up for  
12 teachers' salaries special fund established pursuant to section  
13 302A-       .

14           (b) Each option described in subsection (a)(1) and (2)  
15 shall appear as a line item on the utility bill. The board  
16 shall clearly indicate that:



1       (1) Any moneys contributed will be deposited into the  
 2       rounding up for teachers' salaries special fund for  
 3       the purpose of providing additional compensation for  
 4       department of education teachers; and

5       (2) Participation in the program is voluntary."

6       SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 7 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
 8 designated and to read as follows:

9       "§269-       Electric utilities; rounding up for teachers  
 10 program. (a) Each electric utility shall provide an option on  
 11 each customer's utility bill for the customer to voluntarily:

12       (1) Round up the total amount of the customer's electric  
 13       utility bill to the nearest dollar amount; or

14       (2) Contribute a specific donation amount of the  
 15       customer's choice,

16 with the proceeds to be deposited into the rounding up for  
 17 teachers' salaries special fund established pursuant to section  
 18 302A-       .

19       (b) Each option described in subsection (a) (1) and (2)  
 20 shall appear as a line item on the utility bill. The electric  
 21 utility shall clearly indicate that:

1       (1) Any moneys contributed will be deposited into the  
 2           rounding up for teachers' salaries special fund for  
 3           the purpose of providing additional compensation for  
 4           department of education teachers; and

5       (2) Participation in the program is voluntary.

6       (c) Any moneys collected pursuant to this section shall  
 7       not be considered revenue of the electric utilities and,  
 8       accordingly, shall not be subject to state or county taxes,  
 9       including the general excise tax under chapter 237, the public  
 10       service company tax under chapter 239, the public utility fee  
 11       under section 269-30, and the public utility franchise tax under  
 12       chapter 240."

13       SECTION 3. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 14       amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart B, to be  
 15       appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16       "§302A-       Rounding up for teachers' salaries special  
 17       fund. (a) There is established within the state treasury the  
 18       rounding up for teachers' salaries special fund, into which  
 19       shall be deposited:

20       (1) All moneys received pursuant to sections 54-       and  
 21       269-       ; and



1       (2) Any other appropriations, grants, or donations  
 2            received by the department and designated for deposit  
 3            into the fund.

4        (b) Subject to appropriation by the legislature, the  
 5        department may use moneys in the fund to provide additional  
 6        compensation for teachers, including through increases in  
 7        salaries or bonuses.

8        (c) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to  
 9        establish policies and procedures for the expenditure of moneys  
 10       from the fund.

11       (d) Any moneys deposited into the fund shall be in  
 12       addition to and shall not supplant any portion of the base  
 13       budget of the department of education."

14       SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so  
 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to  
 17 assist the counties in implementing section 1 of this Act;  
 18 provided that the moneys shall be expended as follows:

- 19       (1) County of Hawaii                                   \$
- 20       (2) County of Kauai                                   \$
- 21       (3) County of Maui                                    \$



1           (4) City and county of Honolulu    §  
2           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the respective  
3 county for the purposes of this Act and shall constitute the  
4 State's share of the cost of the mandated program under article  
5 VIII, section 5, of the state constitution.

6           SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

7           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023;  
8 provided that sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on July 1,  
9 2024.

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# S.B. NO. 275

**Report Title:**

Electric Utilities; County Boards of Water Supply; DOE;  
Teachers; Compensation; Round Up; Special Fund; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the rounding up for teachers' salaries special fund, to be administered by the Department of Education. Requires electric utilities and county boards of water supply to provide an option for customers to voluntarily round up their bill to the nearest dollar or provide a specific contribution amount. Deposits the proceeds into the rounding up for teachers' salaries special fund. Appropriates moneys.

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