
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CURRENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the United States
2 Treasury has stopped minting the penny for general circulation,
3 which has created a shortage for many businesses in the State.
4 To protect the ability of businesses in the State to accept cash
5 payments and make change, rounding to the nearest five cents
6 should be permissible by law to address this urgent issue.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to enable cash
8 transaction rounding.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 481B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "~~S481B-~~ Cash transaction rounding. (a)
13 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person selling
14 goods or services in a cash transaction, entering into any other
15 transaction that results in a payment or transfer of cash
16 between the parties to the transaction, or paying cash wages to
17 an employee as compensation, may round the payment in the



1 following manner for any person seeking to make payment with
2 legal tender:

3 (1) In any case in which the total transaction amount ends
4 with one cent, two cents, six cents, or seven cents as
5 the final digit, the amount of cents in the sum shall
6 be rounded down to the nearest amount divisible by
7 five;

8 (2) In any case in which the total transaction amount ends
9 with three cents, four cents, eight cents, or nine
10 cents as the final digit, the amount of cents in the
11 sum shall be rounded up to the nearest amount
12 divisible by five; and

13 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) to the contrary, in any
14 case in which the total transaction amount totals one
15 cent or two cents, the transaction shall be rounded up
16 to five cents.

17 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any transaction for
18 which payment is made by any demand or negotiable instrument,
19 electronic fund transfer, check, gift card, money order, credit
20 card, or other like instrument or method.



1 (c) Notwithstanding section 480-2 or any other law to the
2 contrary, no person may bring a private action to enforce this
3 section.

4 (d) Any person who engages in cash transaction rounding
5 pursuant to this section shall not be subject to section
6 486-116.

7 (e) For the purposes of this section, "total transaction
8 amount" includes fees, surcharges, and taxes."

9 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



Report Title:

Cash Transactions; Unfair and Deceptive Practices; Rounding;
Pennies

Description:

Authorizes cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents, except for cash transactions that total \$0.01 or \$0.02, which are to be rounded up to \$0.05. Exempts transactions in which payment is made by demand or negotiable instrument, electronic fund transfer, check, gift card, money order, credit card, or other like instrument or method. Effective 7/1/2026. (CD1)

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