

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE PICK  
UP OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE  
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 10 voting for 0 voting against 5 absent

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution increases the employer pick up of certain employee contributions required for state employees who are eligible for and participate as members in the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ declares that the state will prospectively pick up and pay required employee contributions up to a maximum of 2.59% of each employee's compensation for all state employees who are members of the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System;
- ▶ includes provisions relating to the employer pick up; and
- ▶ provides that an equal nonelective contribution will be made to public safety and firefighters who are members of the Tier II Defined Contribution Plan.

**Special Clauses:**



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30 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

31 WHEREAS, agencies of the state employ employees who are eligible for and  
32 participate as members in the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory  
33 Retirement System administered by the Utah Retirement Systems;

34 WHEREAS, in accordance with federal and state law, including Section 414(h)(2) of  
35 the Internal Revenue Code, employers may take formal action to pick up required employee  
36 contributions, which will be paid by the employer in lieu of employee contributions;

37 WHEREAS, the state, in the 2020 General Session through H.C.R. 9, Concurrent  
38 Resolution Authorizing Pick Up of Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement  
39 Contributions, took action to formally pick up a maximum of 2% of an employee's  
40 compensation, which represents a portion of the employee contributions required to be paid  
41 under Subsection 49-23-301(2), for all state employees participating in the New Public Safety  
42 and Firefighters Tier II Contributory Retirement System;

43 WHEREAS, the state now desires to pick up an additional amount of the employee  
44 contribution required to be paid under Subsection 49-23-301(2) for all state employees  
45 participating in the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System;

46 WHEREAS, the state is required under Subsection 49-23-401(1)(b) to make an equal  
47 nonelective contribution to a public safety or firefighter employee who is a member of the Tier  
48 II Defined Contribution Plan;

49 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor are duly authorized to take this formal  
50 action on behalf of the state as a participating employer with the Utah Retirement Systems:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
52 Governor concurring therein, declares that beginning July 1, 2022, the state, on behalf of the  
53 state's agencies, shall prospectively pick up and pay required employee contributions for all  
54 state employees who are members of the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II  
55 Contributory Retirement System, subject to a maximum of 2.59% of compensation for each  
56 employee.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the picked up contributions paid by the employer,  
58 even though designated as employee contributions for state law purposes, are being paid by the

59 state on behalf of the state's agencies in lieu of the required employee contributions.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the picked up contributions will not be included in  
61 the gross income of the employees for tax reporting purposes, that is, for federal or state  
62 income tax withholding, until distributed from the Utah Retirement Systems, so that the  
63 contributions are treated as employer contributions pursuant to Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal  
64 Revenue Code.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the picked up contributions are a supplement and  
66 not a salary reduction to the state employees who are eligible for and participating members in  
67 the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, from and after the date of this pick up, a state  
69 employee may not have a cash or deferred election right with respect to the designated  
70 employee contributions, including that an employee may not be permitted to opt out of the pick  
71 up and may not be entitled to any option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts  
72 directly instead of having them paid by the state on behalf of the state's employees to the Utah  
73 Retirement Systems.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state will make an equal nonelective  
75 contribution to the public safety and firefighter employees who are members of the Tier II  
76 Defined Contribution Plan.