

Joint Rules Resolution - Sponsor's Statement

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This joint rules resolution authorizes the chief sponsor of legislation to issue a sponsor's statement.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- defines "sponsor's statement";
- allows the chief sponsor of legislation to issue a sponsor's statement, subject to certain requirements; and
- requires the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House to ensure a sponsor's statement, if issued, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:

JR4-2-407

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **JR4-2-407** is enacted to read:

Part 4. Committee Notes, Fiscal Notes, and Sponsor's Statement**JR4-2-407 . Sponsor's statement.**

(1) As used in this rule, "sponsor's statement" means a written statement about legislation

that:

(a) is written by the legislation's chief sponsor;

(b) conveys factual information in an objective manner;

(c) is 500 words or fewer; and

(d) includes:

(i) the chief sponsor's summary of the legislation's content;

(ii) the chief sponsor's description of the legislation's anticipated impact;

32 (iii) a statement of the chief sponsor's intent in sponsoring the legislation; or
33 (iv) any other factual information related to the legislation that the chief sponsor
34 wishes to convey.

35 (2)(a) After legislation is numbered, the legislation's chief sponsor may issue a
36 sponsor's statement.

37 (b) The chief sponsor may issue a revised sponsor's statement anytime after the
38 legislation is numbered and before the Legislature adjourns sine die the legislative
39 session during which the legislation is considered.

40 (3) The legislation's chief sponsor has sole authority to issue a sponsor's statement.

41 (4) The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall ensure that a sponsor's
42 statement, if issued, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage.

43 (5) A sponsor's statement is not an official part of the legislation.

44 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

45 This resolution takes effect upon a successful vote for final passage.