

Norman K Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

Joint Rules Resolution - Sponsor's Committee Handout

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

Senate Sponsor: Brady Brammer

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint rules resolution authorizes the chief sponsor of legislation to provide a sponsor's committee handout.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- defines "sponsor's committee handout";
- allows the chief sponsor of legislation to provide a sponsor's committee handout, subject to certain requirements;
- requires the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House to ensure that a sponsor's committee handout, if provided, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage;
- and
- clarifies that a sponsor's committee handout is not an official part of the legislation.

Other Special Clauses:

This resolution provides a special effective date.

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 Committee Handout

JR4-2-407 . Sponsor's committee handout.

(1) As used in this rule, "sponsor's committee handout" means a document that contains information in support of legislation.

(2) The chief sponsor may provide a sponsor's committee handout anytime after the chief

- 29 sponsor's legislation is numbered and before the Legislature adjourns sine die the
30 legislative session during which the legislation is considered.
- 31 (3) The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall ensure that a sponsor's
32 committee handout, if provided, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage.
- 33 (4) A chief sponsor shall ensure that a sponsor's committee handout:
- 34 (a) does not exceed one page of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 35 (b) includes:
- 36 (i) the chief sponsor's name; and
- 37 (ii) the legislation's number and, if the handout relates to substitute legislation, the
38 substitute number; and
- 39 (c) conveys factual information in an objective manner, including:
- 40 (i) the chief sponsor's policy objective;
- 41 (ii) the chief sponsor's description of the legislation's anticipated impact; or
- 42 (iii) any other verifiable information related to the legislation that the chief sponsor
43 wishes to convey.
- 44 (5) A sponsor's committee handout is not an official part of the legislation.

45 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

46 This resolution takes effect on May 7, 2025.