

Jordan D. Teuscher proposes the following substitute bill:

**Joint Rules Resolution - Sponsor's Handout**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston**

Senate Sponsor: Brady Brammer

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- defines "sponsor's handout";
- allows the chief sponsor of legislation to provide a sponsor's handout, subject to certain requirements;
- requires the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House to ensure that a sponsor's handout, if provided, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage; and
- clarifies that a sponsor's 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**

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*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 Handout**

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

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

(2) For legislation or substitute legislation, the chief sponsor may provide a sponsor's handout anytime after the chief sponsor's legislation is numbered and before the

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

48 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

49 This resolution takes effect on May 7, 2025.