

Norman K Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

Joint Rules Resolution - Sponsor's Supporting Information

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 supporting information.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

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 Supporting Information

JR4-2-407 . Sponsor's supporting information.

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

- (a) the chief sponsor's policy objective;

- (b) the chief sponsor's description of the legislation's anticipated impact; or
(c) any other information related to the legislation that the chief sponsor wishes to convey.

(2) A sponsor's supporting information is not part of the legislation.

(3) Subject to Subsections (4) and (5), a chief sponsor may provide the sponsor's supporting information:

- (a)(i) if the chief sponsor is a senator, to the secretary of the Senate; or
(ii) if the chief sponsor is a representative, to the chief clerk of the House; and
(b) anytime after the chief sponsor's legislation is numbered and before the Legislature adjourns sine die the legislative session during which the legislation is considered.

(4) A chief sponsor shall ensure that the sponsor's supporting information:

- (a) is a portable document format file;
(b) does not exceed the equivalent of two letter-size pages;
(c) includes:
(i) the chief sponsor's name;
(ii) the legislation's number and, if the supporting information relates to substitute legislation, the substitute number; and
(iii) the following statement at the bottom of the first page: "DISCLAIMER: The supporting information contained in this document is provided by the legislation's chief sponsor and has not been reviewed for accuracy. This supporting information is not an official part of the legislation and may not be used as evidence of the Legislature's intent."

(5) A chief sponsor may replace the sponsor's supporting information provided under this rule only if the replacement:

- (a) updates the sponsor's supporting information because the legislation is amended or substituted; or
(b) corrects a factual error.

(6) The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House shall ensure that a sponsor's supporting information, if provided, is publicly accessible through the legislation's webpage.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This resolution takes effect on May 7, 2025.