

1 **Joint Rules Resolution - Fiscal Note Process**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution modifies the fiscal note process.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This resolution:

8 ▶ modifies the process by which a sponsor consults with the legislative fiscal analyst
9 regarding a fiscal note; and

10 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

11 **Other Special Clauses:**

12 None

13 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

14 AMENDS:

15 **JR4-2-403**

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

18 Section 1. **JR4-2-403** is amended to read:

19 **JR4-2-403 . Fiscal notes.**

20 (1)(a)(i) When the legislative fiscal analyst receives the electronic copy of~~[-the]~~

21 approved legislation from the Office of Legislative Research and General

22 Counsel, ~~[that office-]~~ the legislative fiscal analyst shall, within three business days:

23 (A) review and analyze the legislation to determine ~~[its]~~ the legislation's fiscal
24 impact; and

25 (B) provide a fiscal note to the sponsor of the legislation.

26 (ii) To the extent reasonably necessary, the three day deadline for the preparation of
27 the fiscal note may be extended if:

28 (A) the legislative fiscal analyst requests ~~[it]~~ an extension, states the reasons for the
29 delay, and informs the sponsor of the legislation of the delay; or

30 (B) the legislation affects public retirement benefits, requires an actuarial analysis

31 to prepare the fiscal note, and the legislative fiscal analyst informs the sponsor
32 of the legislation of the delay.

33 (b) If the legislative fiscal analyst determines that the legislation has no fiscal impact,
34 the legislative fiscal analyst may release the fiscal note immediately after providing
35 the fiscal note to the sponsor~~[has received a copy of the fiscal note]~~.

36 (c) Within one business day after the day on which the legislative fiscal analyst provides
37 a fiscal note to a sponsor, the sponsor may contact the legislative fiscal analyst to:

38 (i) approve the release of the fiscal note;

39 (ii) direct that the fiscal note be held; or

40 (iii) consult with the legislative fiscal analyst regarding:

41 (A) the factors that resulted in the legislative fiscal analyst's determination of the
42 legislation's fiscal impact; and

43 (B) potential changes to those factors or the legislation that would affect the
44 legislation's fiscal impact.

45 ~~[(e) The sponsor may:]~~

46 ~~[(i) approve the release of the fiscal note;]~~

47 ~~[(ii) direct that the fiscal note be held; or]~~

48 ~~[(iii) if the sponsor disagrees with the fiscal note, contact the legislative fiscal~~
49 ~~analyst to discuss that disagreement and provide evidence, data, or other~~
50 ~~information to support a revised fiscal note.]~~

51 (d) If ~~[the]~~ a sponsor does not contact the legislative fiscal analyst ~~[with instructions~~
52 ~~about the fiscal note within one 24-hour legislative day]~~ as provided in Subsection
53 (2)(c), the legislative fiscal analyst shall release the fiscal note.

54 (e) The legislative fiscal analyst shall make the final determination on the fiscal note.

55 (f) The fiscal note shall be printed with the legislation.

56 (2) If an amendment or a substitute to legislation appears to substantively change the fiscal
57 impact of the legislation, the legislative fiscal analyst shall prepare an amended fiscal
58 note for the legislation.

59 (3) The fiscal note is not an official part of the legislation.

60 Section 2. **Effective date.**

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