

House Rules Resolution - Abandoning Legislation

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This House rules resolution authorizes abandoning legislation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- defines terms; and
- establishes a process for a chief sponsor to abandon the chief sponsor's legislation.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This resolution provides a special effective date.

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:

HR2-5-102

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **HR2-5-102** is enacted to read:

HR2-5-102 . Abandoning legislation.

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) "Chief sponsor" means the member of the House of Representatives who:

(i) approves a request for legislation for numbering; or

(ii) becomes the chief sponsor of legislation in accordance with HR2-5-101 or

JR4-2-101.

(b) "Legislation" means a bill or resolution introduced for consideration by the

Legislature.

(2) A chief sponsor may abandon the chief sponsor's legislation by submitting to the chief

clerk, before the legislation passes the Senate on third reading, an abandoning legislation

- 30 form.
- 31 (3) Once the chief clerk is in possession of the abandoned legislation, the chief clerk shall
- 32 file the abandoned legislation.
- 33 (4) No later than one legislative day after the day on which a chief sponsor submits an
- 34 abandoning legislation form, the presiding officer shall publicly announce that the chief
- 35 sponsor abandoned the legislation.
- 36 (5)(a) Abandoning legislation has the effect of striking the enacting clause.
- 37 (b) Legislation may not be revived once the chief sponsor submits an abandoning
- 38 legislation form.
- 39 (6) For legislation abandoned under this rule, the Office of Legislative Research and
- 40 General Counsel shall note the abandonment on the legislation's webpage.
- 41 (7) Nothing in this rule precludes a representative from introducing new legislation
- 42 identical to the legislation abandoned under this rule.

43 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

44 This resolution takes effect May 6, 2026.