

1 **Joint Rules Resolution - Policy Development and Impact**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox**

Senate Sponsor:

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This joint rules resolution enacts provisions related to policy development and impact.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This resolution:

7     ▸ requires the chief sponsor of legislation to specify the policy problem and measurable  
8 objectives to evaluate the impact of the legislation;

9     ▸ requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to assist with developing  
10 policy and ensure that legislation's drafting instructions include certain information; and

11     ▸ authorizes the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, when conducting an audit, to  
12 request certain information from the Office of Legislative Research and General  
13 Counsel.  
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15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **JR1-4-604**

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

24 Section 1. **JR1-4-604** is enacted to read:

25 **Part 6. Performance, Efficiency, and Policy Impact Reporting**

26 **JR1-4-604 . Policy development and impact.**

27 (1) After filing a request for legislation under JR4-2-101, the chief sponsor shall, in  
28 consultation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel:

29 (a) specify the policy problem the chief sponsor aims to address with the legislation; and

30 (b) identify the chief sponsor's policy goal and one or more measurable objectives to

31 evaluate whether the legislation effectively addresses the policy problem.

32 (2) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

33 (a) assist with developing the chief sponsor's policy in preparation for drafting the  
34 sponsor's legislation; and

35 (b) ensure that the drafting instructions for a request for legislation include the policy  
36 information described in Subsection (1).

37 (3) When conducting an audit under Utah Code Section 36-12-15 or JR1-4-603, the Office  
38 of the Legislative Auditor General may request from the Office of Legislative Research  
39 and General Counsel the policy information described in Subsection (1) for the purpose  
40 of evaluating the impact of Utah statutes that are relevant to the audit.

41 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

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