

1 **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

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

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

HR2-5-102 . Abandoning legislation.

21 (1) As used in this rule:

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

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

24 (ii) becomes the chief sponsor of legislation in accordance with HR2-5-101 or
JR4-2-101.

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

28 (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
form.

31 (3) Upon receipt of a completed abandoning legislation form, the chief clerk shall request

32 that the legislation be returned, if applicable.

33 (4) Once abandoned legislation is returned to the chief clerk, the chief clerk shall file the
34 legislation.

35 (5) No later than one legislative day after the day on which a chief sponsor submits an
36 abandoning legislation form, the presiding officer shall publicly announce that the chief
37 sponsor abandoned the legislation.

38 (6)(a) Abandoning legislation has the effect of striking the enacting clause.

39 (b) Legislation may not be revived once the chief sponsor submits an abandoning
40 legislation form.

41 (7) For legislation abandoned under this rule, the Office of Legislative Research and
42 General Counsel shall note the abandonment on the legislation's webpage.

43 (8) Nothing in this rule precludes a representative from introducing new legislation
44 identical to the legislation abandoned under this rule.

45 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

46 This resolution takes effect May 6, 2026.