

**House Rules Resolution - Legislation Disclosure**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Matt MacPherson****LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This House rules resolution addresses disclosure requirements when a sponsor presents legislation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ if a sponsor introduces legislation at the request of an agency head, requires the sponsor to disclose the nature of the request when presenting the legislation in a standing committee or during a floor debate; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:****AMENDS:**

**HR3-2-306**

**HR4-6-103**

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

Section 1. **HR3-2-306** is amended to read:

**HR3-2-306 . Sponsor presentation -- Disclosure requirement.**

- (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), during the presentation phase, a committee member may not amend legislation, substitute legislation, or dispose of legislation.
- (b) All other motions are in order during the presentation phase.
- (2) During the presentation phase of a committee meeting, the chair may accept a motion to amend legislation if the chair permits:
  - (a) committee questions and debate;

32 (b) public comment as provided in HR3-2-308;

33 (c) the sponsor of the legislation affected by the amendment to respond to the motion to

34 amend; and

35 (d) the committee member who made the motion to amend to have the final word on the

36 motion as required under HR3-2-313.

37 (3) During the presentation phase of a standing committee meeting, the chair shall:

38 (a) permit the legislative sponsor to present the sponsor's legislation; and

39 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), and at the election of the legislative sponsor,

40 permit individuals who have expertise on the legislation to assist with the

41 presentation as provided in HR3-2-304.

42 (4) The chair may not permit a legislative intern or a legislative aide to present legislation.

43 (5)(a) As used in this Subsection (5):

44 (i) "Agency head" means a cabinet officer or an executive director with responsibility  
45 to administer policy for a state agency.

46 (ii) "State agency" means an executive branch department, division, or office.

47 (b) If a sponsor introduces legislation at the request of an agency head, the sponsor,  
48 when presenting the legislation, shall verbally disclose the nature of the request.

49 Section 2. **HR4-6-103** is amended to read:

50 **HR4-6-103 . Sponsor may open and close debate -- Disclosure requirement.**

51 (1) When [a piece of] legislation is on a calendar and ready for debate, or after  
52 accepting a motion, the presiding officer shall:

53 [(1)] (a) recognize the[-chief] sponsor of the [piece of] legislation, or of the motion, and  
54 allow the[-chief] sponsor to open and close debate on the legislation or motion; and

55 [(2)] (b) allow the[-chief] sponsor to close debate even if a motion to end debate has  
56 passed the House.

57 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

58 (i) "Agency head" means a cabinet officer or an executive director with responsibility  
59 to administer policy for a state agency.

60 (ii) "State agency" means an executive branch department, division, or office.

61 (b) If a sponsor introduces legislation at the request of an agency head, the sponsor,  
62 when debating the legislation, shall verbally disclose the nature of the request.

63 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

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