

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

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;

- (b) public comment as provided in HR3-2-308;
- (c) the sponsor of the legislation affected by the amendment to respond to the motion to amend; and
- (d) the committee member who made the motion to amend to have the final word on the motion as required under HR3-2-313.

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

- (a) permit the legislative sponsor to present the sponsor's legislation; and
- (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), and at the election of the legislative sponsor, permit individuals who have expertise on the legislation to assist with the presentation as provided in HR3-2-304.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

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