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Interim Committee Bill Actions

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Potential Motions

- Legislative Rule [JR7-1-608](#) allows for three different motions
- Motions:
 - Move to the next item on the agenda;
 - Move to amend the draft legislation; or
 - Move to favorably recommend the draft legislation as a committee bill.



Motions to Amend

- Legislative Rule [JR7-1-609](#) governs motions to amend.
- An amendment must be:
 - “**germane** to the subject of the draft legislation;” and
 - “**sufficiently clear** to allow the members of the authorized legislative committee to know how the draft legislation will read when the verbal amendment is incorporated into the draft legislation”
- Committee members may make a point of order if the amendment requirements are not met.



Motion to Favorably Recommend

- Potential motion language:
 - “I move to **favorably recommend** the draft legislation as a committee bill.”
- Joint Legislative rules require a favorable recommendation to be by a majority vote.
- For interim committees, a majority vote means:
 - an affirmative vote of **at least 50% of a quorum of members from one chamber and more than 50% of a quorum of members from the other chamber.** Legislative Rule [JR7-1-101](#).



Effect of a Favorable Recommendation

- A bill that receives favorable recommendation as a committee bill:
 - Is assigned a bill number for the General Session (e.g. H.B. 71); and
 - Receives a committee note (see shaded box in image).
- Relevant Rules:
 - [JR7-1-610](#), [JR4-2-401](#), and [JR4-2-501](#).

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⌚ Approved for Filing: C. Williams ⌚	
⌚ 12-21-22 10:04 AM ⌚	
1	LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVISIONS
2	2023 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Karen M. Peterson
5	Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy
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7	LONG TITLE
8	Committee Note:
9	The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.
10	Legislative Vote: 13 voting for 1 voting against 4 absent

Effect of a Unanimous Favorable Recommendation

- The Rules Committees **may** recommend that the bill bypass a standing committee hearing if the bill has a committee note with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote.
- Nevertheless, both the House and Senate Rules Committees have the discretion to refer a bill that has a committee note with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote to a standing committee.



Effect of No Favorable Recommendation

- Legislative Rule [JR7-1-610](#) specifies that committee bill files that do not receive a favorable recommendation by the conclusion of the last interim meeting of the year are abandoned.
- Legislators can open personal bill files to sponsor legislation that was abandoned.



Thank you!



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