

## **Part 1**

### **House Rules Committee**

#### **HR3-1-101 House Rules Committee -- Appointment -- General responsibilities.**

- (1) The speaker shall appoint members of the House of Representatives to serve on the House Rules Committee.
- (2) The House Rules Committee shall perform the following functions as further elaborated in this part:
  - (a) receive introduced legislation from the House and recommend that the legislation be assigned to a House standing committee or to the House third reading calendar;
  - (b) receive legislation from the House that has been sent back to the House Rules Committee from the third reading calendar, and recommend to the House which legislation should be assigned to the third reading calendar and the order in which it should be heard; and
  - (c) function as a standing committee or interim committee when reviewing Joint Rules, House Rules, or other legislation.

#### **HR3-1-102 House Rules Committee -- Assignment duties.**

- (1) The presiding officer shall submit all legislation introduced in the House of Representatives to the House Rules Committee.
- (2) For all legislation not specified in HR3-1-103 that is referred to the House Rules Committee, the committee shall examine the legislation for proper form, including fiscal note and committee note, if any, and either:
  - (a) refer the legislation to the House with a recommendation that the legislation be:
    - (i) referred to a standing committee for consideration; or
    - (ii) read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar if the legislation:
      - (A) has received a favorable recommendation from a House standing committee;
      - (B) is exempted from the House standing committee review requirements under HR3-2-401; or
      - (C) has received a favorable recommendation from the House Rules Committee meeting as a standing committee as permitted under HR3-1-101; or
  - (b) hold the legislation.
- (3) In carrying out the House Rules Committee's functions and responsibilities under this rule, the committee may not:
  - (a) table legislation without the written consent of the sponsor;
  - (b) report out any legislation that has been tabled by a standing committee;
  - (c) amend legislation without the written consent of the sponsor; or
  - (d) substitute legislation without the written consent of the sponsor.
- (4) The House Rules Committee may recommend a time certain for floor consideration of any legislation when the legislation is reported out of the House Rules Committee, or at any other time.
- (5) When the House Rules Committee is carrying out the committee's functions and responsibilities under this rule, the committee shall:
  - (a) when the Legislature is in session, give notice of the committee's meetings according to the requirements of HR3-1-106;
  - (b) when the Legislature is not in session, post a notice of meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting convenes; and

- (c) have as the committee's agenda all legislation in the committee's possession for assignment to committee or to the House calendars.
- (6) House Rules Committee meetings are open to the public, but comments and discussion are limited to members of the committee and committee staff.

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**HR3-1-103 House Rules Committee -- Standing and interim committee duties.**

- (1) The House Rules Committee has all the powers, functions, and duties of a standing committee or interim committee when it reviews proposed House Rules, Joint Rules resolutions, or other legislation.
- (2) Any rules resolutions or legislation reviewed and approved by the House Rules Committee may be reported directly to the House for consideration.
- (3) When meeting as a standing committee or interim committee under this rule, individuals other than committee members may address the committee at the discretion of the chair.
- (4) When meeting as a standing committee or interim committee under this rule, the House Rules Committee shall comply with the provisions of Utah Code Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

**HR3-1-104 Rules committee duties during sifting.**

- (1) Upon motion from the floor, the House Rules Committee shall prioritize legislation for floor action and review and update this priority as necessary for the calendars.
- (2) The House Rules Committee may recommend a time certain for floor consideration of any legislation when it is reported out of the House Rules Committee, or at any other time.
- (3) When the House Rules Committee is carrying out the committee's functions and responsibilities under this rule, the committee shall:
  - (a) during a legislative session, give notice of the committee's meetings by either:
    - (i) providing oral notice from the floor of the time and place of the committee's next meeting; or
    - (ii) when oral notice is impractical, post written notice of the committee's next meeting;
  - (b) when the Legislature is not in session, post a notice of meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting convenes; and
  - (c) have as the committee's agenda all legislation in the committee's possession.
- (4) Anyone may attend a meeting of the rules committee, but comments and discussion are limited to members of the committee and committee staff.

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**HR3-1-105 Motion to require committee review.**

- (1) If the House Rules Committee recommends that interim committee legislation be placed on the third reading calendar without standing committee review, the sponsor or any other representative may move that the legislation be reviewed by a standing committee before the legislation's consideration on the floor.
- (2) If this motion is approved by a majority of the representatives present, the legislation shall be referred to a standing committee for consideration.

**HR3-1-106 Notice of rules committee meetings.**

When the House Rules Committee holds a meeting during a legislative session, the speaker shall ensure that:

- (1) an oral, public announcement is made from the floor of the House identifying the time and place that the rules committee will meet; and
- (2) an electronic notice is made that identifies the time and place of the rules committee meeting.

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