

**Senator Lyle W. Hillyard** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - BASE**

**BUDGET PROCESS**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ron Bigelow**

Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This rules resolution defines "base budget" and establishes a process and deadlines for preparing, reviewing, and adopting base budget bills.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ defines the term "base budget";
- ▶ requires the Executive Appropriations Committee to adopt base budgets in its pre-session December meeting; and
- ▶ requires any base budget bills to be available for legislator review at the time the Legislature convenes on the first day of the session and be passed by close of business on the tenth day of the session.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR3-2-402**

ENACTS:



26 JR-19.07



28 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. **JR3-2-402** is amended to read:

30 **JR3-2-402. Executive Appropriations -- Duties.**

31 (1) As used in this rule, "base budget" means:

32 (a) amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each item of appropriation for the  
33 current fiscal year that:

34 (i) are not designated as one-time in an appropriation, regardless of whether or not the  
35 appropriations is covered by ongoing or one-time revenue sources; and

36 (ii) were not vetoed by the governor, unless the Legislature overrode the veto; and

37 (b) any changes to those amounts approved by the Executive Appropriations

38 Committee.

39 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third  
40 Wednesday in December to:

41 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget  
42 recommendations;

43 (ii) decide whether or not to set aside special allocations for the end of the session;

44 (iii) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its  
45 budget; ~~[and]~~

46 (iv) set a budget figure[-]; and

47 (v) adopt base budgets and direct the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare one or more  
48 appropriations acts appropriating base budgets for the next fiscal year.

49 (b) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this meeting.

50 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Appropriations subcommittees may not meet while the Senate or House is in  
51 session without special leave from the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

52 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) All proposed items of expenditure to be included in the appropriations bills  
53 shall be submitted to one of the subcommittees named in JR3-2-302 for consideration and  
54 recommendation.

55 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive  
56 Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to an appropriations subcommittee with

57 any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the  
58 subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.

59 (b) The subcommittee shall meet to review the new guidelines and report the  
60 adjustments to the chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee as soon as possible.

61 [~~5~~] (6) (a) After receiving the reports, the Executive Appropriations Committee  
62 chairs will report them to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

63 (b) That committee shall:

64 (i) make any further adjustments necessary to balance the budget; and

65 (ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill no later than  
66 the 38th day of the annual general session.

67 Section 2. **JR-19.07** is enacted to read:

68 **JR-19.07. Base Budget Bills.**

69 (1) Each legislator shall receive a copy of each base budget bill for the next fiscal year  
70 by calendared floor time on the first day of the annual general session.

71 (2) By noon on the tenth day of the annual general session, the Legislature shall either  
72 pass or defeat each base budget bill.

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this resolution can be enacted within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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