

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION -
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
PROCESS**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution modifies legislative expense provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- modifies the legislative expense allowance; and
- authorizes reimbursement for actual lodging expenses during the annual general session up to the federal per diem rate for Salt Lake City.

Special Clauses:

This resolution takes effect on January 1, 2007.

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR-15.02

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

Section 1. **JR-15.02** is amended to read:

JR-15.02. Expenses While in Session.

(1) This rule governs legislative expenses when the Legislature is in annual general session.



28 (2) Each legislator shall receive an expense allowance equal to the [sum of the federal
29 lodging per diem rate for Salt Lake City and the] federal meals and incidental expenses per
30 diem rate for Salt Lake City.

31 (3) (a) Each legislator shall receive transportation costs to and from the session.

32 (b) These costs shall be computed on the basis of actual mileage for private automobile
33 use or the actual cost of alternative commercial transportation.

34 (4) If attendance at the annual general session necessitates overnight accommodations,
35 legislators shall receive reimbursement for actual lodging expenses up to the federal lodging
36 per diem rate for Salt Lake City.

37 Section 2. **Effective date.**

38 This resolution takes effect on January 1, 2007.

Legislative Review Note

as of 1-13-06 6:41 AM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note
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State Impact

Provisions of this resolution change the automatic allowance for lodging to those that necessitate lodging for the annual general session. It is estimated that 75 Legislators would likely not require lodging for the general sessions. It is estimated that provisions of this bill would reduce budgets by \$270,000. Reductions would be \$75,600 from the Senate and \$194,400 from the House of Representatives.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	(\$270,000)	(\$270,000)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	(\$270,000)	(\$270,000)	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst