

**HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - COMMITTEE**

**PROCESSING OF BILLS**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution modifies the responsibilities of the House Rules Committee and repeals outdated provisions relating to substitute bills.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ removes references to printing a bill from the House Rules Committee's responsibility;
- ▶ repeals authority of a committee chair to order a substitute bill for bills considerably amended in committee;
- ▶ repeals the reference to adopting a substitute bill before printing it; and
- ▶ repeals reference to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel receiving and numbering substitute bills prior to printing.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution provides an immediate effective date.

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**HR-24.01**

REPEALS:

**HR-24.13**

**HR-25.16**

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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. **HR-24.01** is amended to read:

**HR-24.01. House Rules Committee.**

(1) All legislation introduced shall be submitted to the House Rules Committee.

(2) (a) The House Rules Committee has all the powers, functions, and duties of a standing committee when it:

(i) prepares the House Rules and Joint Rules and presents them to the House before adjournment on the second day of each annual general session; or

(ii) reviews all House Rules or Joint Rules resolutions.

(b) Any rules resolutions reviewed and approved by the House Rules Committee may be reported directly to the House for its approval, amendment, or disapproval.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (6), when meeting as a standing committee under this Subsection (2), persons other than committee members may make comments and recommendations at the discretion of the chair.

(3) For all legislation not specified in Subsection (2) that is referred to the House Rules Committee, the committee shall:

(a) ~~[(+)]~~ examine each bill for proper form, including fiscal note ~~[and interim]~~, legislative committee note, and mixed committee note, if any, and, when in proper form ~~[order the bills printed; and]~~ either:

~~[(ii) in extraordinary circumstances, recommend to the House that a bill be printed without a fiscal note; and]~~

~~[(b) either:]~~

(i) refer bills to the House with a recommendation:

(A) that the legislation be referred to a standing committee for consideration; or

(B) that the legislation be read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar; or

(ii) hold the bill.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), in extraordinary circumstances, the House Rules Committee may refer a bill without a fiscal note to the House of Representatives with a recommendation that the legislation be:

- 59            (i) referred to a standing committee for consideration; or
- 60            (ii) read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar.

61            (4) In carrying out its functions and responsibilities under Subsection (3), the House  
62 Rules Committee may not:

- 63            (a) table a bill without the written consent of the sponsor;
- 64            (b) report out any bill that has been tabled by a standing committee;
- 65            (c) amend a bill without the written consent of the sponsor;
- 66            (d) substitute a bill without the written consent of the sponsor; or
- 67            (e) sponsor a bill, except for the revisor's bill.

68            (5) When this committee is carrying out the functions and responsibilities of  
69 Subsection (3), this committee shall:

- 70            (a) during a legislative session, give notice of its meetings by either:
  - 71            (i) providing oral notice from the floor of the time and place of its next meeting; or
  - 72            (ii) when oral notice is impractical, post written notice of its next meeting;
- 73            (b) when the Legislature is not in session, post a notice of meeting at least 24 hours  
74 before the meeting convenes;
- 75            (c) have as its agenda all bills in its possession for assignment to committee; and
- 76            (d) prepare minutes that include a record, by individual legislator, of votes taken.
- 77            (6) Anyone may attend a meeting of the rules committee, but comments and discussion  
78 are limited to members of the committee.

79            **Section 2. Repealer.**

80            This resolution repeals:

81            **HR-24.13, Reprinting a Bill.**

82            **HR-25.16, Substitute Bills or Resolutions.**

83            **Section 3. Effective date.**

84            This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all  
85 members of the House of Representatives.

**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 12-29-05 12:47 PM**

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**

**Legislative Committee Note**

**as of 01-04-06 2:28 PM**

The House Rules Committee recommended this bill.

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HR0001**

**House Rules Resolution - Committee Processing of Bills**

*16-Jan-06*

*7:31 AM*

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this bill can be enacted within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**