

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION AMENDING**

2 **LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell**

6 House Sponsor: _____

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution modifies legislative expense provisions.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

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

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **JR-15.02**

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

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

24 **JR-15.02. Expenses While in Session.**

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

26 session.

27 (2) Each legislator shall receive an expense allowance equal to the [~~sum of the federal~~



28 ~~lodging per diem rate for Salt Lake City and the~~ federal meals and incidental expenses per
29 diem rate for Salt Lake City.

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

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

33 (4) If attendance at the annual general session necessitates overnight accommodations,
34 legislators shall receive reimbursement for lodging expenses at the federal lodging per diem
35 rate for Salt Lake City for each night that the legislator incurs lodging expenses.

Legislative Review Note

as of 1-12-06 3:25 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

State Impact

Provisions of this resolution changes 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.
