

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON EXPENSES AND  
MILEAGE PROVISIONS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature modifies provisions relating to the reimbursement of transportation, lodging, and meal and incidental expenses to legislators.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ provides that lodging expenses and meals and incidental expenses are paid to a legislator only as a reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by the legislator when attending an authorized legislative meeting;
- ▶ limits lodging expenses and meal and incidental expense reimbursements to the federal per diem rates for Salt Lake City;
- ▶ provides that transportation costs are paid to a legislator only as a reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by the legislator to travel to and from an authorized legislative meeting;
- ▶ requires transportation cost reimbursements to be based on the federal privately owned vehicle mileage reimbursement rate or on the actual cost incurred for commercial or public transportation;
- ▶ requires legislators to submit supporting documentation with each reimbursement



28 request;

29 ▶ requires the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee to ensure that procedures  
30 are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or improper reimbursements;

31 ▶ permits a legislator to decline to request or receive reimbursement for costs or  
32 expenses;

33 ▶ permits a legislator to request and receive a partial or reduced reimbursement  
34 amount;

35 ▶ repeals provisions that apply different expense policies for the general session as  
36 opposed to other sessions and meetings; and

37 ▶ makes technical changes.

38 **Special Clauses:**

39 This resolution takes effect on January 1, 2011.

40 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

41 AMENDS:

42 **JR5-1-101**

43 **JR5-2-102**

44 ENACTS:

45 **JR5-2-103**

46 **JR5-2-104**

47 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

48 **JR5-2-101**

49 REPEALS:

50 **JR5-3-101**

51 **JR5-3-102**

52 **JR5-3-103**



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

55 Section 1. **JR5-1-101** is amended to read:

56 **JR5-1-101. Definitions.**

57 As used in this title[:-(1) "Authorized] "authorized legislative meeting" means:

58 (1) the annual general session;



90 automobile use to and from the authorized legislative meeting, to be paid in accordance with  
91 the mileage reimbursement allowance approved by the Division of Finance for state  
92 employees; or

93 (b) the actual cost [of alternative commercial transportation] incurred by the legislator  
94 for commercial or public transportation to and from the authorized legislative meeting.

95 Section 4. **JR5-2-103** is enacted to read:

96 **JR5-2-103. Verification -- Procedures.**

97 (1) Each legislator shall provide supporting documentation for each cost or expense for  
98 which the legislator seeks reimbursement.

99 (2) The Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee shall ensure that procedures are  
100 established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or improper reimbursements.

101 Section 5. **JR5-2-104** is enacted to read:

102 **JR5-2-104. Declining Reimbursement and Reduced Reimbursement.**

103 (1) A legislator may decline to request or receive reimbursement for any expense or  
104 cost that is reimbursable under this chapter.

105 (2) A legislator may request and receive a partial or reduced reimbursement for any  
106 expense or cost that is reimbursable under this chapter.

107 Section 6. **Repealer.**

108 This resolution repeals:

109 **JR5-3-101, Meals and Incidental Expense Reimbursement for Authorized**  
110 **Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.**

111 **JR5-3-102, Lodging Expense Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative**  
112 **Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.**

113 **JR5-3-103, Travel Expense Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings,**  
114 **Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.**

115 Section 7. **Effective date.**

116 This resolution takes effect on January 1, 2011.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**H.J.R. 28 - Joint Rules Resolution on Expenses and Mileage Provisions**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this bill would create an estimated savings of \$442,100 from the General Fund in FY 2011. The estimated savings would be divided \$117,900 to the Senate and \$324,200 to the House of Representatives.

	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	(\$442,100)	(\$442,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$442,100)</b>	<b>(\$442,100)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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