

1 **JOINT RULES AMENDMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING BASE**

2 **BUDGETS**

3 2011 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

6 Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution amends budgeting provisions for the Legislature.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ establishes base budgets by formula based on the previous fiscal year budgets and
14 revenue estimates for the new fiscal year; and
15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **JR3-2-402**

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

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

24 **JR3-2-402. Executive Appropriations -- Duties -- Base budgets.**

25 (1) As used in this rule[;]:

26 (a) "Base budget" means[~~-(a)~~] amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each item
27 of appropriation for the current fiscal year that:

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

30 (ii) were not vetoed by the governor, unless the Legislature overrode the veto~~[; and]~~.

31 (b) "Base budget" includes:

32 ~~[(b)]~~ (i) any changes to those amounts approved by the Executive Appropriations

33 Committee~~[-]; and~~

34 (ii) amounts appropriated for debt service.

35 (2) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third

36 Wednesday in December to:

37 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget

38 recommendations;

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

40 (iii) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its

41 budget;

42 (iv) set a budget figure; and

43 (v) ~~[adopt base budgets]~~ adopt a base budget in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) and

44 direct the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare one or more appropriations acts appropriating

45 ~~[base]~~ one or more base budgets for the next fiscal year.

46 (b) In a base budget adopted under Subsection (2)(a), appropriations from the General

47 Fund, the Education Fund, and the Uniform School Fund shall be set as follows:

48 (i) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are

49 equal to or greater than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base

50 budget is not changed;

51 (ii) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are

52 less than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base budget is

53 reduced by the same percentage that projected next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates are

54 lower than the total of current fiscal year ongoing appropriations; and

55 (iii) in making a reduction under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), appropriated debt service shall

56 not be reduced and other ongoing appropriations shall be reduced in an amount sufficient to

57 make the total ongoing appropriations, including the unadjusted debt service, equal to the

58 percentage calculated under Subsection (2)(b)(ii).

59 ~~(b)~~ (c) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this
60 meeting.

61 (3) Appropriations subcommittees may not meet while the Senate or House is in
62 session without special leave from the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

63 (4) All proposed items of expenditure to be included in the appropriations bills shall be
64 submitted to one of the subcommittees named in JR3-2-302 for consideration and
65 recommendation.

66 (5) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive
67 Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to an appropriations subcommittee with
68 any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the
69 subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.

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

72 (6) (a) After receiving the reports, the Executive Appropriations Committee chairs will
73 report them to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

74 (b) That committee shall:

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

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