

**JOINT RULES AMENDMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING BASE BUDGETS**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution amends budgeting provisions for the Legislature.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

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

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR3-2-402**

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

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

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

(1) As used in this rule[-];

(a) "Base budget" means[-(a)] amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each item 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.

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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

# FISCAL NOTE

H.J.R. 45

SHORT TITLE: **Joint Rules Amendments for Establishing Base Budgets**

SPONSOR: **Dougall, J.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.