

1 **COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE USAGE JOINT RESOLUTION**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

5 House Sponsor: John Dougall

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This rules resolution amends the Joint Legislative Rules to establish procedures
10 regulating reimbursement for expenses incurred for use of communications devices.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

13 ▶ provides that the presiding officer, the majority leader, and the minority leader of
14 each house may establish reimbursement polices and procedures for expenses
15 incurred for approved communications devices;

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

18 and

19 ▶ permits a legislator to decline to receive a reimbursement or to receive a partial or
20 reduced reimbursement amount.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

24 ENACTS:

25 **JR5-5-101**

26 **JR5-5-102**

27 **JR5-5-103**



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

Section 1. **JR5-5-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 5. COMMUNICATION DEVICE EXPENSES

JR5-5-101. Reimbursement for Communications Device Expenses.

(1) The presiding officer, the majority leader, and the minority leader of each house of the Legislature may establish a policy governing reimbursement for expenses related to communication devices, which policy shall include:

(a) the types of communication device expenses that will be reimbursed to legislators;

and

(b) the process for reimbursement of communication device expenses.

(2) A legislator may, pursuant to a policy adopted under Subsection (1), be reimbursed for use of a communications device that is:

(a) owned by the legislator; and

(b) used by the legislator in the legislator's capacity as an employee of the Legislature.

Section 2. **JR5-5-102** is enacted to read:

JR5-5-102. Verification -- Procedures.

(1) Each legislator shall provide supporting documentation for each cost or expense for which a legislator seeks reimbursement under this chapter.

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

Section 3. **JR5-5-103** is enacted to read:

JR5-5-103. Declining Reimbursement and Reduced Reimbursement.

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

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

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SHORT TITLE: **Communications Device Usage Joint Resolution**

SPONSOR: **Bramble, C.**

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

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

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

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

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

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