

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON REVENUE ESTIMATES**
2 **FOR FEDERAL FUNDS**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

6 House Sponsor: Brian M. Greene

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint rules resolution modifies a provision relating to Executive Appropriations
11 Committee budget recommendations.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ includes a forecast for federal fund receipts in the revenue estimate that the
15 Executive Appropriations Committee directs staff to make in preparing budget
16 recommendations; and
- 17 ▶ includes special allocations resulting from any reduction in federal funds with the
18 end-of-session special allocations that the Executive Appropriations Committee
19 decides whether to set aside as part of the budget process.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **JR3-2-402**

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

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

28 **JR3-2-402. Executive appropriations -- Duties -- Base budgets.**

29 (1) As used in this rule:

30 (a) "Base budget" means amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each item of
31 appropriation for the current fiscal year that:

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

34 (ii) were not vetoed by the governor, unless the Legislature overrode the veto.

35 (b) "Base budget" includes:

36 (i) any changes to those amounts approved by the Executive Appropriations
37 Committee; and

38 (ii) amounts appropriated for debt service.

39 (2) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third
40 Wednesday in December to:

41 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget
42 recommendations, to include a forecast for federal fund receipts;

43 (ii) decide whether [~~or not~~] to set aside special allocations for the end of the session,
44 including any special allocations resulting from an anticipated reduction in the amount of
45 federal funds paid to the state;

46 (iii) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its
47 budget;

48 (iv) set a budget figure; and

49 (v) adopt a base budget in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) and direct the Legislative
50 Fiscal Analyst to prepare one or more appropriations acts appropriating one or more base
51 budgets for the next fiscal year.

52 (b) In a base budget adopted under Subsection (2)(a), appropriations from the General
53 Fund, the Education Fund, and the Uniform School Fund shall be set as follows:

54 (i) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are
55 equal to or greater than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base
56 budget is not changed;

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

58 less than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base budget is
59 reduced by the same percentage that projected next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates are
60 lower than the total of current fiscal year ongoing appropriations; and

61 (iii) in making a reduction under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), appropriated debt service shall
62 not be reduced, and other ongoing appropriations shall be reduced, in an amount sufficient to
63 make the total ongoing appropriations, including the unadjusted debt service, equal to the
64 percentage calculated under Subsection (2)(b)(ii).

65 (c) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this meeting.

66 (3) Appropriations subcommittees may not meet while the Senate or House is in
67 session without special leave from the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

79 (b) That committee shall:

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

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