

**Representative Brad R. Wilson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON BUDGET PROCESS AMENDMENTS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brad R. Wilson**

Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature modifies provisions related to duties of the Executive Appropriations Committee when preparing base budget recommendations.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ provides that when directing staff on what revenue estimates to use in preparing budget recommendations, the Executive Appropriations Committee shall hear a report on treating above-trend revenue growth as one-time revenue for major tax types;
  - ▶ provides that when deciding whether to set aside special allocations for the end of the session, the Executive Appropriations Committee shall consider the historical, current, and anticipated status of debt, long-term liabilities, General Fund borrowing, reserves, fund balances, nonlapsing appropriation balances, cash funded infrastructure investment and federal funds paid to the state;
  - ▶ amends deadlines within the general session to:
    - prioritize fiscal note- bills;
    - pass or defeat a bill with a fiscal note;
    - pass or defeat a base budget bill;
- 25a **⚡→ • complete decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill; ←⚡**



88 equal to or greater than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base  
89 budget is not changed;

90 (ii) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (2)(a)(i) are  
91 less than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base budget is  
92 reduced by the same percentage that projected next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates are  
93 lower than the total of current fiscal year ongoing appropriations; and

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

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

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

101 (4) All proposed items of expenditure to be included in the appropriations bills shall be  
102 submitted to one of the subcommittees named in [JR3-2-302](#) for consideration and  
103 recommendation.

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

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

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

112 (b) That committee shall:

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

114 (ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill no later than  
115 the ~~§~~ → [38th] 39th ← ~~§~~ day of the annual general session.

116 Section 2. **JR4-5-101** is amended to read:

117 **JR4-5-101. Deadline for passing certain fiscal note bills.**

118 (1) (a) The House shall refer any Senate bill with a fiscal note of \$10,000 or more to