

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR**
2 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE TRAINING DAYS**

3 2015 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint rules resolution of the Legislature modifies provisions related to legislative
11 expense reimbursement.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ defines a term;
- 15 ▶ amends the powers and duties of the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee;

16 and

- 17 ▶ allows expense reimbursement for lodging, meals, and transportation for certain
18 authorized legislative training days.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 This bill provides retrospective operation.

21 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **JR5-1-101**

24 **JR5-1-102**

25 **JR5-2-101**

26 **JR5-2-102**

27 **JR5-2-103**

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

30 Section 1. **JR5-1-101** is amended to read:

31 **JR5-1-101. Definitions.**

32 As used in this title:

33 (1) "Authorized legislative day" means:

34 (a) a general session day, which includes any day during the period that begins on the
35 day that the Legislature convenes in annual general session until midnight of the 45th day of
36 the annual general session;

37 (b) a special session day;

38 (c) a veto override session day;

39 (d) an interim day designated by the Legislative Management Committee; or

40 (e) any other day that includes a meeting of a committee, subcommittee, commission,
41 task force, or other legislative meeting, provided that:

42 (i) the committee, subcommittee, commission, task force, or other entity is created by
43 statute or joint resolution;

44 (ii) the legislator's attendance at the meeting is approved by the Legislative
45 Management Committee; and

46 (iii) service and payment for service by the legislator is not in violation of the Utah
47 Constitution, including Article V and Article VI, Sections 6 and 7.

48 (2) "Authorized legislative training day" means a day, other than an authorized
49 legislative day, for which the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee approves the
50 reimbursement of expenses for lodging, meals, or transportation for a legislator or
51 legislator-elect to attend:

52 (a) chair training;

53 (b) an issue briefing;

54 (c) legislative leadership instruction;

55 (d) legislative process training;

56 (e) legislative rules training;

57 (f) new legislator orientation; or

58 (g) another meeting to brief, instruct, orient, or train a legislator or legislator-elect in
59 furtherance of the legislator's or legislator-elect's official duties.

60 [(2)] (3) "Reimbursement" means money paid to compensate a legislator for money
61 spent by the legislator in furtherance of the legislator's official duties.

62 Section 2. **JR5-1-102** is amended to read:

63 **JR5-1-102. Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.**

64 (1) The presiding officer and the majority leader and minority leader of each house are
65 the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee for that house.

66 (2) Each committee shall:

67 (a) establish procedures to implement the rules on legislative expenses, including
68 establishing systems and procedures for the reimbursement of legislative expenses;

69 (b) ensure that procedures are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or
70 improper payments or reimbursements; and

71 (c) meet at least annually, or at the request of a majority of the committee, to review
72 legislative expenses and travel budgets.

73 (3) Each committee may, for a calendar year, authorize:

74 (a) up to four authorized legislative training days for a legislator; and

75 (b) up to two additional authorized legislative training days for a:

76 (i) legislator-elect; or

77 (ii) legislator who is in the first year of office.

78 [(3)] (4) The presiding officer may authorize temporary emergency legislative
79 expenses.

80 Section 3. **JR5-2-101** is amended to read:

81 **JR5-2-101. Reimbursement of lodging.**

82 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, if a legislator's official duties [~~for an~~
83 ~~authorized legislative day~~] necessitate overnight accommodations, the legislator may receive
84 reimbursement for any actual lodging expenses incurred by the legislator, not to exceed the
85 daily rates published in the administrative rules governing reimbursement of lodging expenses

86 for state employees[-], for an:

87 (a) authorized legislative day; or

88 (b) authorized legislative training day.

89 (2) Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses for a legislator for an authorized
90 legislative day or authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in procedures
91 established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

92 Section 4. **JR5-2-102** is amended to read:

93 **JR5-2-102. Reimbursement of meal expenses.**

94 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a legislator may receive
95 reimbursement for any actual meal expenses incurred by the legislator in association with the
96 legislator's official duties [~~for an authorized legislative day~~], not to exceed the rates and subject
97 to the time calculation requirements set in the administrative rules governing reimbursement of
98 meal expenses for state employees[-] for an:

99 (a) authorized legislative day; or

100 (b) authorized legislative training day.

101 (2) Reimbursement for actual meal expenses for a legislator for an authorized
102 legislative day or authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in procedures
103 established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

104 Section 5. **JR5-2-103** is amended to read:

105 **JR5-2-103. Reimbursement for transportation costs.**

106 (1) A legislator may receive reimbursement for any actual transportation costs incurred
107 by the legislator in association with the legislator's official duties for an:

108 (a) authorized legislative day[-]; or

109 (b) authorized legislative training day.

110 (2) Transportation costs reimbursed under this section shall be equal to:

111 (a) for travel by private vehicle, the actual mileage incurred by the legislator for the
112 legislator's private automobile use to and from the legislative meeting, to be paid in accordance
113 with the private vehicle mileage reimbursement rate that is applied when daily pool fleet

114 vehicles are unavailable, as published in the administrative rules governing reimbursement of
115 transportation expenses for state employees;

116 (b) for public transportation:

117 (i) the actual cost of the transportation incurred by the legislator to and from the
118 legislative meeting;

119 (ii) the private vehicle mileage actually incurred by the legislator to and from the
120 terminus of the public transportation; and

121 (iii) the cost of parking actually incurred by the legislator; or

122 (c) for commercial transportation:

123 (i) the actual cost of the transportation, which shall be limited to coach or standard
124 economy class, incurred by the legislator to and from the legislative meeting;

125 (ii) the private vehicle mileage actually incurred by the legislator to and from the
126 terminus of the commercial transportation; and

127 (iii) the cost of parking actually incurred by the legislator.

128 (3) Reimbursement for actual transportation costs incurred for a legislator for an
129 authorized legislative day or an authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in
130 procedures established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

131 **Section 6. Retrospective operation.**

132 This joint resolution of the Legislature has retrospective operation to November 15,
133 2014.