

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON REQUEST FOR  
APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS CHANGE**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

House Sponsor: Dean Sanpei

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution amends joint legislative rules related to requests for appropriations.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This joint resolution:

- ▶ requires additional information to be included in a request for appropriations;
- ▶ addresses a request for appropriation being heard by an appropriations subcommittee or the Executive Appropriations Committee; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR4-3-101**

**JR4-3-201**

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

Section 1. **JR4-3-101** is amended to read:

**JR4-3-101. Request for appropriation.**



28 (1) A legislator wishing to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity that has not  
29 previously been funded, or to obtain additional or separate funding for a project, program, or  
30 entity, shall file a request for appropriation with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

31 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a legislator may not file a request for  
32 appropriation with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst after noon on the 11th day of the  
33 annual general session.

34 (b) After the date established by this Subsection (2), a legislator may file a request for  
35 appropriation if:

36 (i) for a request by a House member, the representative makes a motion to file a request  
37 for appropriation and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority of the House; or

38 (ii) for a request by a senator, the senator makes a motion to file a request for  
39 appropriation and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority vote of the Senate.

40 (3) The request for appropriation shall ~~[designate]~~ include:

41 (a) a description of the project, program, or entity to be funded;

42 (b) the statewide public purpose for the funding;

43 (c) the state agency through which the funding would be administered;

44 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) the source for the funding;

45 ~~[(c)]~~ (e) the name of the chief sponsor, who is knowledgeable about and responsible for  
46 providing pertinent information as the appropriation is processed;

47 (f) the contact information for any other individual, if any, who can provide pertinent  
48 information as the appropriation is processed;

49 ~~[(d)]~~ (g) supporting legislators, if any, who wish to cosponsor the appropriation; [and]

50 ~~[(e)]~~ (h) the appropriation subcommittee to which the sponsor wishes the request to be  
51 assigned, if any[-]; and

52 (i) supporting documentation such as:

53 (A) an itemized budget;

54 (B) a statement of goals, objectives, and deliverables;

55 (C) a schedule for accomplishing the goals, objectives, and deliverables; and

56 (D) performance measures and targets that will be used for assessing completion of the  
57 goals, objectives, and deliverables.

58 Section 2. **JR4-3-201** is amended to read:

59           **JR4-3-201. Review and action on requests for appropriation.**

60           (1) (a) The legislative fiscal analyst shall review each request for appropriation.

61           (b) If the request requires that a statute be enacted, amended, or repealed, the  
62 legislative fiscal analyst shall immediately transfer the request to the Office of Legislative  
63 Research and General Counsel as a request for legislation.

64           (c) If the request does not require that a statute be enacted, amended, or repealed, the  
65 legislative fiscal analyst shall number and title the request and refer the request to:

66           (i) the House chair of the Executive Appropriations Committee, if the sponsor is a  
67 House member; or

68           (ii) the Senate chair of the Executive Appropriations Committee, if the sponsor is a  
69 Senate member.

70           (2) The House or Senate chair of the Executive Appropriations Committee shall refer  
71 the request to the appropriate joint appropriations subcommittee or the Executive  
72 Appropriations Committee.

73           (3) Each joint appropriations subcommittee, or the Executive Appropriations  
74 Committee, that receives a request for appropriation shall at the earliest possible meeting of the  
75 joint appropriations subcommittee or the Executive Appropriations Committee:

76           (a) allow the sponsor to present and discuss the request with the joint appropriations  
77 subcommittee or Executive Appropriations Committee;

78           (b) discuss the request; and

79           (c) if heard by a joint appropriations subcommittee, do one of the following:

80           (i) include all or part of the requested appropriation in the budget recommendation  
81 made by the joint appropriations subcommittee to the Executive Appropriations Committee;

82           (ii) reject the request; or

83           (iii) recommend to the Executive Appropriations Committee that all or part of the  
84 requested appropriation be placed on a funding prioritization list as may be established by the  
85 Executive Appropriations Committee.

86           (4) If a request for appropriation is not heard by a joint appropriations subcommittee or  
87 the Executive Appropriations Committee, the item requested may not be included in an  
88 appropriations act unless:

89           (a) for a request by a representative, the representative makes a motion to place the

90 request in an appropriations act and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority of the  
91 House; or  
92 (b) for a request by a senator, the senator makes a motion to place the request in an  
93 appropriations act and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority of the Senate.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**