

1 **HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - BILL PRIORITIZATION**

2 2019 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston**

6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This rules resolution addresses procedures for calendaring legislation.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This resolution:

11 ▶ creates a procedure to request that certain pieces of House legislation be placed on
12 the Senate third reading calendar during the last two days of an annual general
13 session.

14 **Special Clauses:**

15 None

16 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

17 ENACTS:

18 **HR3-1-107**

20 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

21 Section 1. **HR3-1-107** is enacted to read:

22 **HR3-1-107. Calendaring of legislation on 44th and 45th day of an annual general**
23 **session.**

24 (1) On the 44th day of an annual general session, House leadership shall provide the
25 Senate with a priority list, created in accordance with this section, that contains a list of House
26 legislation that the House of Representatives recommends the Senate place on the Senate third
27 reading calendar.



28 (2) (a) Before the House of Representatives adjourns on the 43rd day of an annual
29 general session, and in a manner established by House leadership, each representative may
30 submit to House leadership up to two pieces of House legislation for inclusion on a priority list
31 described in Subsection (1).

32 (b) (i) If a representative submits two pieces of House legislation for the priority list,
33 the representative shall designate one as the representative's first priority and one as the
34 representative's second priority, in order of preference.

35 (ii) If a representative submits one piece of House legislation for the priority list, that
36 piece of House legislation is designated as the representative's first priority.

37 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a representative may submit a piece of
38 House legislation for inclusion on the priority list only if:

39 (i) the legislation received:

40 (A) the requisite votes to pass the House of Representatives on third reading;

41 (B) a favorable recommendation from a House Standing Committee as required by
42 HR3-2-401; and

43 (C) a favorable recommendation from a Senate Standing Committee as required by
44 SR3-2-401; and

45 (ii) the representative is the chief sponsor.

46 (b) Consistent with HR3-2-401 and SR3-2-401, Subsections (3)(a)(i)(B) and (C) do not
47 apply to:

48 (i) a resolution regarding legislative rules or legislative personnel;

49 (ii) legislation that has been approved by a unanimous vote of an interim committee;

50 (iii) the revisor's statute; or

51 (iv) if the legislation was reviewed and approved by the Executive Appropriations
52 Committee, legislation that:

53 (A) exclusively appropriates money;

54 (B) amends Utah Code Title 53F, Chapter 2, State Funding -- Minimum School
55 Program;

56 (C) amends Utah Code Title 67, Chapter 22, State Officer Compensation; or

57 (D) authorizes the issuance of a general obligation bond or a revenue bond.

58 (4) Once a representative submits a piece of House legislation to House leadership for

59 inclusion on the priority list, the representative may not remove the piece of House legislation
60 from the priority list and submit a different piece of House legislation.

61 (5) (a) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), House leadership shall list the House legislation
62 submitted for inclusion on the priority list in the following order:

63 (i) House legislation that the chief sponsor designates as a first priority, in the order the
64 House legislation passed the House of Representatives; and

65 (ii) House legislation that the chief sponsor designates as a second priority, in the order
66 the House legislation passed the House of Representatives.

67 (b) The speaker may place up to six pieces of House legislation anywhere on the
68 priority list that the speaker chooses, regardless of whether the speaker is the chief sponsor.

69 (6) To comply with this rule, the House of Representatives shall adopt a process to
70 keep a record of the order in which House legislation passes the House of Representatives.

71 (7) Except as provided in Subsection (8), the House of Representatives may not request
72 that the Senate:

73 (a) place the House legislation listed on the priority list on its third reading calendar in
74 an order that is different from the order in which it appears on the priority list; or

75 (b) place on its third reading calendar House legislation that is not on the priority list.

76 (8) After the Senate acts on the priority list, the House of Representatives may
77 recommend that the Senate place additional pieces of House legislation on the Senate third
78 reading calendar in accordance with a process established by House leadership.

79 (9) The prioritization described in this section is in addition to prioritizing fiscal note
80 bills as required under JR4-5-101.