

1                                   **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE**

2   **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

3   2021 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Jefferson Moss**

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10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

12            This rules resolution modifies joint rules related to the duties of the Executive  
13    Appropriations Committee.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15            This resolution:

- 16            ▶ requires the Executive Appropriations Committee to decide each year whether to set
- 17    aside special allocations for legislation that will reduce taxes; and
- 18            ▶ makes technical changes.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20            None

21 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

22    AMENDS:

23            **JR3-2-402**

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

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

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

28            (1) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third

29 Wednesday in December to:

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

32 (ii) consider treating above-trend revenue growth as one-time revenue for major tax  
33 types and for federal funds;

34 (iii) hear a report on the historical, current, and anticipated status of the following:

35 (A) debt;

36 (B) long term liabilities;

37 (C) contingent liabilities;

38 (D) General Fund borrowing;

39 (E) reserves;

40 (F) fund balances;

41 (G) nonlapsing appropriation balances;

42 (H) cash funded infrastructure investment; and

43 (I) changes in federal funds paid to the state;

44 (iv) hear a report on:

45 (A) the next fiscal year base budget appropriation for Medicaid accountable care  
46 organizations according to Section [26-18-405.5](#);

47 (B) an explanation of program funding needs;

48 (C) estimates of overall medical inflation in the state; and

49 (D) mandated program changes and their estimated cost impact on Medicaid  
50 accountable care organizations;

51 (v) decide whether to set aside special allocations for the end of the session, including  
52 allocations:

53 (A) to address any anticipated reduction in the amount of federal funds paid to the  
54 state; and

55 (B) of one-time revenue to pay down debt and other liabilities;

56 (vi) decide whether to set aside special allocations for legislation that will reduce taxes,

57 including legislation that will reduce one or more tax rates;

58 [~~(vi)~~] (vii) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing  
59 its budget;

60 [~~(vii)~~] (viii) set a budget figure; and

61 [~~(viii)~~] (ix) adopt a base budget in accordance with Subsection (1)(b) and direct the  
62 legislative fiscal analyst to prepare one or more appropriations acts appropriating one or more  
63 base budgets for the next fiscal year.

64 (b) In a base budget adopted under Subsection (1)(a), appropriations from the General  
65 Fund, the Education Fund, and the Uniform School Fund shall be set as follows:

66 (i) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (1)(a)(i) are  
67 equal to or greater than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base  
68 budget is not changed;

69 (ii) if the next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates set under Subsection (1)(a)(i) are  
70 less than the current fiscal year ongoing appropriations, the new fiscal year base budget is  
71 reduced by the same percentage that projected next fiscal year ongoing revenue estimates are  
72 lower than the total of current fiscal year ongoing appropriations;

73 (iii) in making a reduction under Subsection (1)(b)(ii), appropriated debt service shall  
74 not be reduced, and other ongoing appropriations shall be reduced, in an amount sufficient to  
75 make the total ongoing appropriations, including the unadjusted debt service, equal to the  
76 percentage calculated under Subsection (1)(b)(ii); and

77 (iv) the new fiscal year base budget shall include an appropriation to the Department of  
78 Health for Medicaid accountable care organizations in the amount required by Section  
79 [26-18-405.5](#).

80 (c) The chairs of each joint appropriations subcommittee are invited to attend this  
81 meeting.

82 (2) All proposed budget items shall be submitted to one of the subcommittees named in  
83 [JR3-2-302](#) for consideration and recommendation.

84 (3) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive

85 Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to a joint appropriations subcommittee  
86 with any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the  
87 subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.

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

90 (4) (a) After receiving the reports, the Executive Appropriations Committee chairs will  
91 report them to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

92 (b) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall:

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

94 (ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills no later than  
95 the 39th day of the annual general session.