

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jefferson Moss

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR3-2-402

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

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

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

(1) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third Wednesday in December to:



- 28 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget
- 29 recommendations, to include a forecast for federal fund receipts;
- 30 (ii) consider treating above-trend revenue growth as one-time revenue for major tax
- 31 types and for federal funds;
- 32 (iii) hear a report on the historical, current, and anticipated status of the following:
- 33 (A) debt;
- 34 (B) long term liabilities;
- 35 (C) contingent liabilities;
- 36 (D) General Fund borrowing;
- 37 (E) reserves;
- 38 (F) fund balances;
- 39 (G) nonlapsing appropriation balances;
- 40 (H) cash funded infrastructure investment; and
- 41 (I) changes in federal funds paid to the state;
- 42 (iv) hear a report on:
- 43 (A) the next fiscal year base budget appropriation for Medicaid accountable care
- 44 organizations according to Section [26-18-405.5](#);
- 45 (B) an explanation of program funding needs;
- 46 (C) estimates of overall medical inflation in the state; and
- 47 (D) mandated program changes and their estimated cost impact on Medicaid
- 48 accountable care organizations;
- 49 (v) decide whether to set aside special allocations for the end of the session, including
- 50 allocations:
- 51 (A) to address any anticipated reduction in the amount of federal funds paid to the
- 52 state; and
- 53 (B) of one-time revenue to pay down debt and other liabilities;
- 54 (vi) decide whether to set aside special allocations for legislation that will reduce taxes,
- 55 including legislation that will reduce one or more tax rates;
- 56 [~~vi~~] (vii) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing
- 57 its budget;
- 58 [~~vii~~] (viii) set a budget figure; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

82 (3) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive
83 Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to a joint appropriations subcommittee
84 with any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the
85 subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.

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

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

- 90 (b) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall:
- 91 (i) make any further adjustments necessary to balance the budget; and
- 92 (ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills no later than
- 93 the 39th day of the annual general session.