

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE SECURITY**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution enacts joint legislative rules related to conduct at a legislative committee meeting.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ provides the items and activities that are prohibited at a legislative committee meeting;
- ▶ directs the chair of a legislative committee to preserve order and decorum during a meeting of the legislative committee; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:

JR7-1-104

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

JR3-2-605

JR7-1-302



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

29 Section 1. **JR3-2-605** is repealed and reenacted to read:

30 **JR3-2-605. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

31 In accordance with [JR7-1-302](#), the chair shall preserve order and decorum during a
32 committee meeting.

33 Section 2. **JR7-1-104** is enacted to read:

34 **JR7-1-104. Prohibited items and activities in legislative committee meetings.**

35 (1) A member of the public attending a meeting of a legislative committee may not:

36 (a) bring into the meeting room, or possess while in the meeting room, any of the
37 following:

38 (i) a sign, poster, banner, or placard;

39 (ii) glitter or confetti;

40 (iii) a laser pointer;

41 (iv) paint;

42 (v) an open flame;

43 (vi) an incendiary device;

44 (vii) a noise maker;

45 (viii) flammable liquid; or

46 (ix) any harmful or hazardous substance; or

47 (b) engage in any of the following while in the meeting room:

48 (i) commercial solicitation;

49 (ii) leafletting;

50 (iii) throwing an item; or

51 (iv) adhering any item to a furnishing, a wall, or other state property.

52 (2) The chair may allow an individual to use an item described in Subsection (1) during
53 the individual's presentation to the legislative committee, provided that the item's use does not
54 affect the chair's ability to preserve order and decorum.

55 Section 3. **JR7-1-302** is repealed and reenacted to read:

56 **JR7-1-302. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

57 (1) The chair shall preserve order and decorum during a legislative committee meeting
58 by:

- 59 (a) ensuring nothing obstructs a walkway or the view of a meeting attendee;
- 60 (b) ensuring that nothing disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly course of
- 61 the meeting;
- 62 (c) protecting state property from damage or disarray;
- 63 (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting
- 64 words, or obscenity; and
- 65 (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting
- 66 attendee.
- 67 (2) To preserve order and decorum in accordance with Subsection (1), the chair may:
- 68 (a) prohibit the following:
- 69 (i) standing, waving, yelling, cheering, whistling, or clapping;
- 70 (ii) loud noises;
- 71 (iii) food or drink, other than water in a closed container;
- 72 (iv) musical instruments;
- 73 (v) any item that may require excessive cleanup; or
- 74 (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity
- 75 the chair determines necessary;
- 76 (b) clear the meeting room of one or more individuals;
- 77 (c) recess the meeting; or
- 78 (d) request assistance from:
- 79 (i) the sergeant-at-arms; or
- 80 (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.