

Representative James A. Dunnigan proposes the following substitute bill:

HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - HOUSE COMMITTEE

SECURITY

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:

HR3-3-101

HR3-3-102

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

HR3-2-310



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

27 Section 1. **HR3-2-310** is repealed and reenacted to read:

28 **HR3-2-310. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

29 In accordance with [HR3-3-101](#), the chair shall preserve order and decorum during a
30 standing committee meeting.

31 Section 2. **HR3-3-101** is enacted to read:

32 **CHAPTER 3. Provisions Applicable to all House Committees**

33 **HR3-3-101. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

34 (1) The chair shall preserve order and decorum during a House committee meeting by:

35 (a) ensuring nothing obstructs a walkway or the view of a meeting attendee;

36 (b) ensuring the meeting is free from any audible or visual disturbance;

37 (c) protecting state property from damage or disarray;

38 (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting
39 words, or obscenity; and

40 (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting
41 attendee.

42 (2) To preserve order and decorum in accordance with Subsection (1), the chair may:

43 (a) prohibit the following:

44 (i) standing, waving, yelling, or clapping;

45 (ii) loud noises;

46 (iii) food or drink, other than water in a closed container;

47 (iv) musical instruments;

48 (v) any item that may require excessive cleanup; or

49 (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity
50 the chair determines necessary;

51 (b) clear the meeting room of one or more individuals;

52 (c) recess the meeting; or

53 (d) request assistance from:

54 (i) the sergeant-at-arms; or

55 (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.

56 Section 3. **HR3-3-102** is enacted to read:

57 HR3-3-102. Prohibited items and activities in House committee meetings.

58 A member of the public attending a meeting of a House committee may not:

59 (1) bring into the meeting room, or possess while in the meeting room, any of the
60 following:

61 (a) a sign, poster, banner, or placard;

62 (b) glitter or confetti;

63 (c) a laser pointer;

64 (d) paint;

65 (e) an open flame;

66 (f) an incendiary device;

67 (g) a noise maker;

68 (h) flammable liquid; or

69 (i) any harmful or hazardous substance; or

70 (2) engage in any of the following while in the meeting room:

71 (a) commercial solicitation;

72 (b) leafletting;

73 (c) throwing an item; or

74 (d) adhering any item to a furnishing, a wall, or other state property.