

**Representative James A. Dunnigan** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - LEGISLATIVE**

**PROCESS AMENDMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution enacts joint legislative rules related to legislative process.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ increases the threshold for fiscal note bills that are subject to a funding prioritization process and passage deadline;
- ▶ 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:**

AMENDS:

**JR4-4-101**

ENACTS:



26 **JR7-1-104**

27 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

28 **JR3-2-605**

29 **JR7-1-302**



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

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 **JR3-2-605** is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

34 In accordance with **JR7-1-302**, the chair shall preserve order and decorum during a  
35 committee meeting.

36 Section 2. **JR4-4-101** is amended to read:

37 **JR4-4-101. Deadline for passing certain fiscal note bills.**

38 (1) (a) The House shall refer any Senate bill with a fiscal note of [~~\$10,000~~] \$15,000 or  
39 more to the House Rules Committee before giving that bill a third reading.

40 (b) The Senate shall table on third reading each House bill with a fiscal note of  
41 [~~\$10,000~~] \$15,000 or more.

42 (2) (a) Before adjourning on the 43rd day of the annual general session, each legislator  
43 shall prioritize fiscal note bills and identify other projects or programs for new or one-time  
44 funding according to the process established by leadership.

45 (b) Before adjourning on the 44th day of the annual general session, the Legislature  
46 shall either pass or defeat each bill with a fiscal note of [~~\$10,000~~] \$15,000 or more except  
47 constitutional amendment resolutions.

48 Section 3. **JR7-1-104** is enacted to read:

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

50 A member of the public attending a meeting of a legislative committee may not:

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

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

54 (b) glitter or confetti;

55 (c) a laser pointer;

56 (d) paint;

- 57 (e) an open flame;
- 58 (f) an incendiary device;
- 59 (g) a noise maker;
- 60 (h) flammable liquid; or
- 61 (i) any harmful or hazardous substance; or
- 62 (2) engage in any of the following while in the meeting room:
- 63 (a) commercial solicitation;
- 64 (b) leafletting;
- 65 (c) throwing an item; or
- 66 (d) adhering any item to a furnishing, a wall, or other state property.

67 Section 4. **JR7-1-302** is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

69 (1) The chair shall preserve order and decorum during a legislative committee meeting

70 by:

- 71 (a) ensuring nothing obstructs a walkway or the view of a meeting attendee;
- 72 (b) ensuring that nothing disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly course of
- 73 the meeting;
- 74 (c) protecting state property from damage or disarray;
- 75 (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting
- 76 words, or obscenity; and
- 77 (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting
- 78 attendee.

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

- 80 (a) prohibit the following:
- 81 (i) standing, waving, yelling, cheering, whistling, or clapping;
- 82 (ii) loud noises;
- 83 (iii) food or drink, other than water in a closed container;
- 84 (iv) musical instruments;
- 85 (v) any item that may require excessive cleanup; or
- 86 (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity
- 87 the chair determines necessary;

- 88            (b) clear the meeting room of one or more individuals;
- 89            (c) recess the meeting; or
- 90            (d) request assistance from:
- 91            (i) the sergeant-at-arms; or
- 92            (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.