

**RESOLUTION AMENDING LEGISLATIVE  
APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**This resolution modifies Joint Rules. This resolution creates a Joint Budget Committee to replace the Executive Appropriations Committee, defines its membership, powers, and duties, and makes conforming changes in the budget process established in other joint rules. This resolution takes effect immediately.**

This resolution affects legislative rules as follows:

AMENDS:

**JR-3.02**

**JR-4.22.1**

ENACTS:

**JR-3.06**

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

Section 1. **JR-3.02** is amended to read:

**JR-3.02. Joint Appropriations Committee.**

(1) The Joint Appropriations Committee of the Legislature consists of all the members of the Legislature.

(2) (a) The members of the Joint Appropriations Committee shall be divided into the following subcommittees:

(i) Capital Facilities and Administrative Services;

(ii) Commerce and Revenue;

(iii) Economic Development and Human Resources;

(iv) Executive Offices and Criminal Justice;

(v) Health and Human Services;



- 28 (vi) Higher Education;
- 29 (vii) Natural Resources;
- 30 (viii) Public Education;
- 31 (ix) Quasi-Governmental Entities; and
- 32 (x) Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard.

33 (b) The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall appoint their respective  
34 members to each subcommittee.

35 (c) The Quasi-Governmental Entities Subcommittee shall have the same members as  
36 the Legislative Quasi-Governmental Entities Committee created in Section 63-95-201.

37 (3) (a) A majority of any committee or subcommittee constitutes a quorum for the  
38 transaction of business.

39 (b) In determining a committee or subcommittee quorum, a majority is at least 50% in  
40 one house and more than 50% in the other.

41 (c) In all decisions of the subcommittees, a majority vote will prevail. A majority vote  
42 is at least 50% of the members of one house and more than 50% in the other house in  
43 attendance.

44 [~~(4) (a) There shall be an Executive Appropriations Committee consisting of 18~~  
45 ~~members composed of:~~]

46 [~~(i) three members of the majority leadership of the Senate and four members of the~~  
47 ~~majority leadership of the House;~~]

48 [~~(ii) two members of the minority leadership of the Senate and three members of the~~  
49 ~~minority leadership of the House;~~]

50 [~~(iii) the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House~~  
51 ~~Appropriations Committee; and]~~

52 [~~(iv) (A) one member from the majority party of the Senate as appointed by the~~  
53 ~~President of the Senate or as chosen by the Senate majority caucus;~~]

54 [~~(B) two members from the minority party of the Senate as appointed by the Senate~~  
55 ~~minority leader or as chosen by the Senate minority caucus; and]~~

56 [~~(C) one member from the minority party of the House as appointed by the House~~  
57 ~~minority leader or as chosen by the House minority caucus.]~~

58 [(b) A member of the Executive Appropriations Committee, whose membership is

59 determined under Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii), may appoint a designee to permanently serve in  
60 that individual's place with the approval of the Speaker or the President for any majority party  
61 member or with the approval of the House or Senate minority party leader for any minority  
62 party member.]

63 ~~[(c) In all decisions of the Executive Appropriations Committee, a majority vote~~  
64 ~~prevails. When a division is requested, that vote must include at least 50% of the members of~~  
65 ~~one house and more than 50% of the members of the other house in attendance.]~~

66 ~~[(5) (a) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet no later than the third~~  
67 ~~Wednesday in December to:]~~

68 ~~[(i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget~~  
69 ~~recommendations;]~~

70 ~~[(ii) decide whether or not to set aside special allocations for the end of the session;]~~

71 ~~[(iii) set aside an appropriate amount for fiscal note bills;]~~

72 ~~[(iv) approve the appropriate amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its~~  
73 ~~budget; and]~~

74 ~~[(v) set a budget figure.]~~

75 ~~[(b) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this meeting.]~~

76 ~~[(6) The Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare revised revenue estimates in~~  
77 ~~February.]~~

78 ~~[(7) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall include in its consideration tax~~  
79 ~~collections and revenue policy, tax administration, and analysis of revenue sources.]~~

80 ~~[(8)] (4) (a) [With the approval of the Executive Appropriations Committee, time~~  
81 ~~schedules for subcommittee meetings will be determined] The President and Speaker shall~~  
82 ~~ensure that subcommittee meetings are scheduled so that no conflict exists with the [annual~~  
83 ~~general] floor sessions or standing committee meetings of the Legislature.~~

84 (b) Appropriations subcommittees may not meet while the Senate or House is in  
85 session without special leave from the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

86 ~~[(9) (a) (i) It is the duty of the appropriations chair of each house to receive the reports~~  
87 ~~of the subcommittees and to forward the reports to the Executive Appropriations Committee.]~~

88 ~~[(ii) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall combine the reports into a total~~  
89 ~~appropriations bill.]~~

90 ~~[(b) The Executive Appropriations Committee shall establish a liaison between their~~  
91 ~~committee and each of the appropriations subcommittees.]~~

92 ~~[(10) All proposed items of expenditure to be included in the final appropriations bill,~~  
93 ~~including appropriations for the Legislature and its committees and staff, shall be submitted to~~  
94 ~~one of the subcommittees named in this rule for consideration and recommendation.]~~

95 ~~[(11) (a) After receiving and reviewing subcommittee reports, the Executive~~  
96 ~~Appropriations Committee may refer the report back to an appropriations subcommittee with~~  
97 ~~any guidelines the Executive Appropriations Committee considers necessary to assist the~~  
98 ~~subcommittee in producing a balanced budget.]~~

99 ~~[(b) The]~~

100 (5) (a) Each appropriation subcommittee shall:

101 (i) receive the recommended target budget for the subcommittee from the Joint Budget  
102 Committee;

103 (ii) as practicable, hold hearings on the target budget;

104 (iii) if necessary, modify the target budget submitted to it by the Joint Budget  
105 Committee; and

106 (iv) submit, in the form required by the Joint Budget Committee, a recommended  
107 budget for each agency and institution over which it has jurisdiction to the Joint Budget  
108 Committee.

109 (b) If the Joint Budget Committee returns the target budget to the appropriations  
110 subcommittee for modification, the appropriation subcommittee shall meet to review the new  
111 guidelines and report the adjustments to the [chairs of the Executive Appropriations] Joint  
112 Budget Committee as soon as possible.

113 ~~[(12) (a) After receiving the reports, the appropriations chairs will report them to the~~  
114 ~~Executive Appropriations Committee.]~~

115 ~~[(b) That committee shall:]~~

116 ~~[(i) make any further adjustments necessary to balance the budget; and]~~

117 ~~[(ii) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill no later than~~  
118 ~~the 38th day of the annual general session.]~~

119 ~~[(13) (a) During the interim, the Executive Appropriations Committee shall meet at~~  
120 ~~least every other month on the day before interim meetings on alternating months between~~

121 ~~Legislative Management Committee meetings.]~~

122 ~~[(b) The first meeting of the Executive Appropriations Committee shall be in the~~  
123 ~~month following the first meeting of the Legislative Management Committee.]~~

124 ~~[(c) The appropriations subcommittee chairs may attend these meetings and provide~~  
125 ~~input regarding their budget.]~~

126 ~~[(d) (i) Each year, the Executive Appropriations Committee shall:]~~

127 ~~[(A) select a state agency, institution, or program to be the subject of an in-depth~~  
128 ~~budget review; and]~~

129 ~~[(B) direct an appropriation subcommittee to conduct the in-depth budget review of the~~  
130 ~~agency and report back to the Executive Appropriations Committee.]~~

131 ~~[(ii) In conducting the in-depth budget review, the appropriations subcommittee shall:]~~

132 ~~[(A) study, in detail, the budget of the agency, institution, or program;]~~

133 ~~[(B) prepare a report making recommendations for reduction or additions to the budget~~  
134 ~~of that agency, institution, or program; and]~~

135 ~~[(C) present its findings and recommendations to the Executive Appropriations~~  
136 ~~Committee.]~~

137 Section 2. Section **JR-3.06** is enacted to read:

138 **JR-3.06. Joint Budget Committee.**

139 (1) There is created a Joint Budget Committee of the Utah Legislature consisting of:

140 (a) 14 members during the interim and the first 38 days of the annual general session;

141 and

142 (b) 20 members during the last seven days of the annual general session.

143 (2) (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint seven members of the 14 members as  
144 follows:

145 (i) one member of the majority party to serve as chair of the Joint Budget Committee;

146 (ii) four members of the majority party who are also appropriations subcommittee  
147 chairs; and

148 (ii) two members of the minority party.

149 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint three additional members to serve on the  
150 committee during the last seven days of the annual general session as follows:

151 (i) two members of majority leadership of the Senate; and

- 152 (ii) one member of minority leadership of the Senate.  
153 (3) (a) The Speaker of the House shall appoint seven members of the 14 members as  
154 follows:  
155 (i) one member of the majority party to serve as chair of the Joint Budget Committee;  
156 (ii) four members of the majority party who are also appropriation subcommittee  
157 chairs; and  
158 (iii) two members of the minority party.  
159 (b) The Speaker of the House shall appoint three additional members to serve on the  
160 committee during the last seven days of the annual general session as follows:  
161 (i) two members of majority leadership of the House; and  
162 (ii) one member of minority leadership of the House.  
163 (4) (a) The Joint Budget Committee shall meet at least monthly and more frequently as  
164 needed at the call of the chairs.  
165 (b) Six members from each house are a quorum during the last seven days of the  
166 annual general session and four members from each house are a quorum at all other times.  
167 (c) The vote required for any motion in the committee to pass is at least 50% of one  
168 house voting in favor and more than 50% of the other house voting in favor.  
169 (d) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the Joint Budget Committee shall be  
170 governed by Interim Committee Rules.  
171 (ii) That portion of Interim Rule 2.02 that directs that members who miss two  
172 consecutive meetings are not counted in determining a quorum does not apply to meetings of  
173 the Joint Budget Committee.  
174 (iii) For meetings of the Joint Budget Committee, all members of the committee are  
175 counted in determining a quorum regardless of how many meetings they have missed.  
176 (5) The Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall provide staff services to the committee.  
177 (6) When functioning as a standing committee during the annual general session, the  
178 Joint Budget Committee shall:  
179 (a) review the budget recommendations that:  
180 (i) state agencies and institutions submitted to the Governor;  
181 (ii) the Governor submitted to the Legislature; and  
182 (iii) the Legislative Fiscal Analyst submitted to the Legislature;

183 (b) after reviewing those budget recommendations, prepare a recommended target  
184 budget for each appropriation subcommittee and submit it to the appropriation subcommittee  
185 for its consideration, modification, and recommendation;

186 (c) after receiving budget recommendations from each appropriations subcommittee,  
187 and after adding the additional members to the Joint Budget Committee as required by  
188 Subsection (3)(b), either:

189 (i) refer the report back to an appropriations subcommittee with any guidelines the  
190 Joint Budget Committee considers necessary to assist the subcommittee in producing a  
191 balanced budget; or

192 (ii) adjust and revise those recommendations as necessary to balance the budget and to  
193 establish final budget recommendations for each agency, institution, and entity of state  
194 government;

195 (d) ensure that the Joint Budget Committee's final budget recommendations include all  
196 of the proposed items of expenditure to be included in the final appropriations bill, including  
197 appropriations for the Legislature and its committees and staff;

198 (e) complete all decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bill no later than  
199 the 38th day of the annual general session;

200 (f) direct the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare an annual appropriation act, any  
201 supplemental appropriation acts, any bonding or capital facility bills or authorizations, any  
202 school financing acts, and any other legislation necessary to incorporate the Joint Budget  
203 Committee's decisions;

204 (g) approve and submit to the Legislature an annual appropriation act, any  
205 supplemental appropriation acts, any bonding or capital facility bills or authorizations, any  
206 school financing acts, and any other legislation necessary to approve a balanced budget;

207 (h) review and approve revised revenue estimates in February; and

208 (i) perform the responsibilities required by JR-4.22.1.

209 (7) (a) The Joint Budget Committee shall meet no later than the third Wednesday in  
210 December to:

211 (i) direct staff as to what revenue estimate to use in preparing budget  
212 recommendations;

213 (ii) decide whether or not to set aside special allocations for the end of the session;

- 214 (iii) set aside an appropriate amount for fiscal note bills;  
215 (iv) approve a target budget amount for each subcommittee to use in preparing its  
216 budget; and  
217 (v) set a budget figure.  
218 (b) The chairs of each appropriation subcommittee are invited to attend this meeting.  
219 (8) (a) When functioning as an interim committee when the Legislature is not in  
220 session, the Joint Budget Committee shall:  
221 (i) review, modify, and adopt revenue estimates and revised revenue estimates;  
222 (ii) obtain a report each month from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that identifies the  
223 line-item transfers approved by the governor under Section 63-38-3 during the previous month  
224 and review and discuss that report;  
225 (iii) perform the responsibilities required by JR-4.22.1;  
226 (iv) review monthly agency expenditures to ensure that they meet budget and  
227 appropriation procedures and requirements;  
228 (v) obtain a report each month from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that identifies any  
229 nonroutine expenditures or expenditures that are outside of or more than the line-item  
230 appropriation made to the agency;  
231 (vi) review personnel transfers between agencies, increases or decreases in full-time  
232 employees within an agency, and vacancies in permanent positions within an agency if those  
233 vacancies have not been filled within nine months; and  
234 (vii) recommend or introduce legislation to address revenue, expenditure, accounting,  
235 and other budget issues in state government.  
236 (b) (i) Each year, the Joint Budget Committee shall:  
237 (A) select a state agency, institution, or program to be the subject of an in-depth budget  
238 review; and  
239 (B) direct an appropriation subcommittee to conduct the in-depth budget review of the  
240 agency and report back to the Joint Budget Committee.  
241 (ii) In conducting the in-depth budget review, the appropriations subcommittee shall:  
242 (A) study, in detail, the budget of the agency, institution, or program including staffing  
243 needs, policies, and rules;  
244 (B) prepare a report making recommendations for reduction or additions to the budget

245 of that agency, institution, or program; and

246 (C) present its findings and recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee by its

247 October meeting.

248 Section 3. **JR-4.22.1** is amended to read:

249 **JR-4.22.1. Appropriations; Requests; Disposition.**

250 (1) (a) A legislator desiring to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity that has  
251 not previously been funded, or to obtain additional or separate funding for a project, program,  
252 or entity, shall file a signed Request for Appropriation with the Office of Legislative Fiscal  
253 Analyst within the time limits established by JR-19.02.

254 (b) The request shall designate:

255 (i) the project, program, or entity to be funded;

256 (ii) the source for the funding;

257 (iii) the chief sponsor, who is knowledgeable about and responsible for providing  
258 pertinent information as the appropriation is processed;

259 (iv) supporting legislators, if any, who wish to cosponsor the appropriation; and

260 (v) the appropriation subcommittee to which the sponsor wishes the request to be  
261 assigned, if any.

262 (2) (a) When a member files a Request for Appropriation, the Legislative Fiscal  
263 Analyst shall review the request.

264 (b) If the request requires that a statute be enacted, amended, or repealed, the  
265 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall immediately transfer the request to the Office of Legislative  
266 Research and General Counsel as a Request for Legislation.

267 (c) If the request does not require that a statute be enacted, amended, or repealed, the  
268 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall number and title the request and refer the request to:

269 (i) the House chair of the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget Committee, if the  
270 sponsor is a House member; or

271 (ii) the Senate chair of the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget Committee, if the  
272 sponsor is a Senator.

273 (d) The House or Senate chair of the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget  
274 Committee shall refer the request to the appropriate joint appropriations subcommittee.

275 (3) Each joint appropriations subcommittee that receives a Request for Appropriation

276 shall:

277 (a) allow the sponsor to present and discuss the request with the subcommittee;

278 (b) discuss the request; and

279 (c) either:

280 (i) include all or part of the requested appropriation in the budget recommendation

281 made to the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget Committee;

282 (ii) reject the request; or

283 (iii) recommend to the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget Committee that all or

284 part of the requested appropriation be placed on a funding prioritization list as may be

285 established by the [~~Executive Appropriations~~] Joint Budget Committee.

286 Section 4. **Effective date.**

287 This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all

288 members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this resolution can be enacted within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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