

1 **HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - HOUSE COMMITTEE**

2 **SECURITY**

3 2023 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

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

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This resolution:

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

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **HR3-3-101**

22 **HR3-3-102**

23 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

24 **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 **HR3-2-310** is repealed and reenacted to read: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.