

1                   **COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE USAGE JOINT RESOLUTION**

2                                   2011 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                   **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

5                   House Sponsor: John Dougall

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This rules resolution amends the Joint Legislative Rules to establish procedures  
10 regulating reimbursement for expenses incurred for use of communications devices.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This resolution:

13           ▶ provides that the presiding officer, the majority leader, and the minority leader of  
14 each house may establish reimbursement polices and procedures for expenses  
15 incurred for approved communications devices;

16           ▶ requires the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee to ensure that procedures  
17 are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or improper reimbursements;

18 and

19           ▶ permits a legislator to decline to receive a reimbursement or to receive a partial or  
20 reduced reimbursement amount.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22           None

23 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

24 ENACTS:

25           **JR5-5-101**

26           **JR5-5-102**

27           **JR5-5-103**

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

30 Section 1. **JR5-5-101** is enacted to read:

31 **CHAPTER 5. COMMUNICATION DEVICE EXPENSES**

32 **JR5-5-101. Reimbursement for Communications Device Expenses.**

33 (1) The presiding officer, the majority leader, and the minority leader of each house of  
34 the Legislature may establish a policy governing reimbursement for expenses related to  
35 communications devices, which policy shall include:

36 (a) the types of communications device expenses that will be reimbursed to legislators;

37 and

38 (b) the process for reimbursement of communications device expenses.

39 (2) A legislator may, pursuant to a policy adopted under Subsection (1), be reimbursed  
40 for use of a communications device that is:

41 (a) owned by the legislator; and

42 (b) used by the legislator in the legislator's capacity as an employee of the Legislature.

43 Section 2. **JR5-5-102** is enacted to read:

44 **JR5-5-102. Verification -- Procedures.**

45 (1) Each legislator shall provide supporting documentation for each cost or expense for  
46 which a legislator seeks reimbursement under this chapter.

47 (2) The Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee shall ensure that procedures are  
48 established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or improper reimbursements.

49 Section 3. **JR5-5-103** is enacted to read:

50 **JR5-5-103. Declining Reimbursement and Reduced Reimbursement.**

51 (1) A legislator may decline to request or receive reimbursement for any expense that is  
52 reimbursable under this chapter.

53 (2) A legislator may request and receive a partial or reduced reimbursement for any  
54 expense that is reimbursable under this chapter.