

**House Rules Resolution - Abandoning Legislation**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston**

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This House rules resolution authorizes abandoning legislation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- defines terms; and
- establishes a process for a chief sponsor to abandon the chief sponsor's legislation.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This resolution provides a special effective date.

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

ENACTS:

**HR2-5-102**

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

Section 1. **HR2-5-102** is enacted to read:

**HR2-5-102 . Abandoning legislation.**

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) "Chief sponsor" means the member of the House of Representatives who:

(i) approves a request for legislation for numbering; or

(ii) becomes the chief sponsor of legislation in accordance with HR2-5-101 or

JR4-2-101.

(b) "Legislation" means a bill or resolution introduced for consideration by the

Legislature.

(2) A chief sponsor may abandon the chief sponsor's legislation by submitting to the chief clerk, before the legislation passes the Senate on third reading, an abandoning legislation form.

⚠→ ~~(3) Upon receipt of a completed abandoning legislation form, the chief clerk shall~~

31a request.] ←Ĥ  
32 Ĥ→ [that the legislation be returned, if applicable.]  
33 [~~(4)~~] (3) ←Ĥ Once Ĥ→ [abandoned legislation is returned to the chief clerk] the  
33a chief clerk is in possession of the abandoned legislation ←Ĥ , the chief clerk shall file the  
34 Ĥ→ abandoned ←Ĥ legislation.  
35 Ĥ→ [~~(5)~~] (4) ←Ĥ No later than one legislative day after the day on which a chief  
35a sponsor submits an  
36 abandoning legislation form, the presiding officer shall publicly announce that the chief  
37 sponsor abandoned the legislation.  
38 Ĥ→ [~~(6)~~] (5) ←Ĥ (a) Abandoning legislation has the effect of striking the enacting  
38a clause.  
39 (b) Legislation may not be revived once the chief sponsor submits an abandoning  
40 legislation form.  
41 Ĥ→ [~~(7)~~] (6) ←Ĥ For legislation abandoned under this rule, the Office of Legislative  
41a Research and  
42 General Counsel shall note the abandonment on the legislation's webpage.  
43 Ĥ→ [~~(8)~~] (7) ←Ĥ Nothing in this rule precludes a representative from introducing new  
43a legislation  
44 identical to the legislation abandoned under this rule.  
45 **Section 2. Effective Date.**  
46 This resolution takes effect May 6, 2026.