

SENATE RESOLUTION

8630

By Senator Pedersen

1 WHEREAS, The Facilities and Operations Committee has determined  
2 that the ongoing pandemic and declared statewide emergency under RCW  
3 43.06.010 presents a continued risk to the health and safety of  
4 members and staff and requires continued operational changes to  
5 adhere to public health guidance during the 2022 legislative session;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Permanent Senate Rule 70 establishes a process by which  
8 the Senate will adopt a resolution establishing the rules and  
9 procedures to govern floor and committee action for such a  
10 legislative session;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
12 Washington, That Senate Resolution 8601 be amended as follows and  
13 that the following be adopted as the Emergency Parliamentary Rules of  
14 the Sixty-Seventh Legislature:

15 **"EMERGENCY PARLIAMENTARY RULES**  
16 **OF THE SENATE**  
17 **SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**  
18 **((2021)) 2022**

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**SECTION I**

**GENERAL**

~~**Public Health Measures**~~

~~A. (1) Senate members and employees must wear a mask in all Senate buildings. This requirement does not apply if the member or employee is in an office or room by themselves. While physically present on the Senate floor, members and employees must wear masks provided by the Senate.~~

~~(2) Members and employees will be provided with a self-screening health tool to assist them in determining whether it is safe for them to be on campus. If a member or employee answers any of the self-screening questions in the affirmative, the member or employee should remain off campus and contact the human resource officer.~~

~~(3) For the duration of the 2021 legislative session, Senate buildings will be open to authorized members and staff only. Members of the capitol press corps will be permitted access to observe floor action with preapproval from the Secretary of the Senate. No member or employee may escort a member of the public into Senate buildings.~~

~~(4) All committee and floor proceedings will be broadcast to the public via streaming or televised platforms to ensure public~~

1 access. (See Article II, Section 11 of the state  
2 Constitution.)

3 **Rule E** Remote Voting.

4 **Rule F** Attendance and Quorum.

5 **Rule G** Rules of Debate.

6 **Rule H** Call of the Senate.

7 **Rule I** Referral of Bills to Committee.

8 **Rule J** Floor Amendments.

9 **SECTION III: COMMITTEES**

10 **Rule K** Committee Procedures.

11 **SECTION I**

12 **GENERAL**

13 **Public Health Measures**

14 **A.** (1) Senate members and employees must comply with the  
15 2022 Senate Session Guidelines adopted by the Facilities and  
16 Operations Committee, including any subsequent amendments and as  
17 implemented by Senate Administration. These guidelines govern  
18 mask-wearing, social distancing, and COVID-19 quarantine  
19 procedures in accordance with the most recent public health  
20 guidelines.

21 (2) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, regular  
22 floor action will occur in a hybrid remote format with only the  
23 number of members present as determined by the Facilities and  
24 Operations Committee and subject to the 2022 Senate Session  
25 Guidelines.

26 (b) If the Facilities and Operations Committee determines  
27 that public health conditions no longer require floor action to  
28 be conducted in a hybrid remote format, regular floor action  
29 will occur with all members present on the floor, subject to the  
30 2022 Senate Session Guidelines. Only those members who are  
31 required to quarantine or isolate by the Senate Human Resource  
32 Officer due to COVID-19 exposure or infection will be permitted  
33 to vote remotely.

1       (c) Committee hearings and executive action will be held  
2 remotely.

3       (3) Public access to the Senate galleries during floor  
4 action shall be determined by the Facilities and Operations  
5 Committee. All committee and floor proceedings will be broadcast  
6 to the public via streaming or televised platforms to ensure  
7 public access. (See Article II, Section 11 of the state  
8 Constitution.)

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**Filing of Bills**

10       **B.** (1) Any member desiring to introduce a bill shall email  
11 the bill to the office of the code reviser by noon of the day  
12 before the convening of the session at which the bill is to be  
13 introduced. Only bills that have been emailed by a member or the  
14 member's legislative assistant may be considered for  
15 introduction.

16       (2) Sponsor sheets will be electronically available for  
17 introducing the bill. The member emailing the bill and  
18 corresponding sponsor sheet shall be considered the sponsor of  
19 the bill. The sponsoring member may designate one cosponsor of  
20 the bill by providing the cosponsor's name in the email and by  
21 including the cosponsor's name in the cc line of the email.

22       (3) Additional members may add themselves as cosponsors to  
23 the bill by emailing the Senate workroom by 5:00 p.m. of the day  
24 of its introduction.

25       (4) Agency and governor request legislation shall follow  
26 this process and the sponsoring member or member's legislative  
27 assistant must email such legislation to the office of the code  
28 reviser.

29       (5) The introduction of title-only bills is prohibited. For  
30 the purposes of this subsection, a title-only bill is a bill  
31 containing a title or short summary of the intended subject  
32 matter, without laying forth the full changes intended to any  
33 act or sections of law.

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**Electronic Signatures**

1 C. Electronic or scanned signatures are authorized in place  
2 of any physical signatures that are otherwise required in order  
3 for a member to conduct legislative business.

#### 4 Interpretation of Permanent Senate Rules

5 D. To the extent that a matter is not addressed in this  
6 Resolution, the Permanent Rules of the Senate adopted January  
7 ((11, 2021)) 10, 2022, will govern. The President will interpret  
8 all rules and procedures to facilitate legislative business in a  
9 fair and efficient manner in light of the ongoing emergency and  
10 remote session.

### 11 SECTION II

#### 12 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

#### 13 ~~((Physical Distancing Required~~

14 ~~E. Senators voting on the Senate floor must maintain at  
15 least six feet of distance from one another.))~~

#### 16 Remote Voting

17 ~~((F.)) E. (1) ((Unless otherwise designated by the  
18 Facilities & Operations Committee, members will be required to  
19 vote remotely. Senate administration will make information  
20 technology provisions for members who wish to participate in  
21 floor action remotely from their offices or another isolated  
22 location on campus. Members who wish to vote remotely from their  
23 homes will be outfitted with necessary hardware and provided  
24 remote information technology support.~~

25 ~~(2) During any roll call vote, members))~~ Members will record  
26 their vote using the remote voting system. The clerk will close  
27 electronic voting and announce each member's vote individually.  
28 The President will call on those members who are present but  
29 have not yet voted. The President will then provide members a  
30 final opportunity to be recognized and change their votes. The  
31 clerk will then announce the vote.

32 (2) Should the Facilities and Operations Committee determine  
33 that public health conditions no longer require floor action to  
34 be conducted in a hybrid remote format in accordance with  
35 Emergency Rule A, members will vote orally. During any roll call

1 vote where more than five members are participating remotely,  
2 members participating remotely will record their vote using the  
3 remote voting system. In such cases, the clerk will close  
4 electronic voting and announce the vote of remote members  
5 individually. The President will call on those members who are  
6 present but have not yet voted. The President will then provide  
7 members a final opportunity to be recognized and change their  
8 votes. The clerk will then announce the vote.

9 (3) If, during a roll call vote, (~~(a member's)~~) the vote of  
10 each member participating remotely is unable to be taken, the  
11 member will be automatically excused. The member may request in  
12 writing that their vote be reflected in the Senate journal,  
13 though it will not count towards the final roll call.

14 (4) In accordance with Senate Rule 22, once begun, a roll  
15 call vote will not be interrupted because a member participating  
16 remotely has connectivity issues. However, if a majority of  
17 members elected is no longer present due to connectivity issues,  
18 a majority of those still present may defer consideration of a  
19 bill, adjourn, or recess the Senate until a quorum can be  
20 reestablished.

### 21 **Attendance and Quorum**

22 (~~(G-)~~) **F.** A member of the Senate voting remotely is  
23 considered in attendance within the bar of the Senate if the  
24 member is participating in the session through a remote access  
25 program established by the Secretary of the Senate as provided  
26 in Senate Rule 70.

### 27 ~~((Floor Motions~~

28 ~~H. Members are permitted to move a bill, resolution, or~~  
29 ~~amendment; rise to a parliamentary inquiry; request a roll call~~  
30 ~~vote; and rise to a point of order. The floor leaders of the~~  
31 ~~majority and minority caucuses will make all other motions. A~~  
32 ~~floor leader may yield to a member for a question of~~  
33 ~~privilege.))~~

### 34 **Rules of Debate**

35 **G.** In accordance with Senate Rule 29, when present on the  
36 floor of the Senate, any senator about to speak in debate or

1 submit any matter to the Senate shall rise and respectfully  
2 request recognition by the President by both voice and  
3 electronic means.

#### 4 **Call of the Senate**

5 ~~((F.))~~ **H.** A call of the Senate may be moved by the majority  
6 or minority floor leader and sustained by three Senators. If  
7 carried by a majority of those present, the Secretary shall call  
8 the roll, after which the names of the absentees shall again be  
9 called. The business of the Senate will be suspended until the  
10 absent senators are considered within the bar of the Senate for  
11 such action as the Senate may deem proper. A call of the Senate  
12 may not interrupt a roll call vote, and no penalties shall be  
13 sustained for members experiencing connectivity issues.

#### 14 **Referral of Bills to Committee**

15 ~~((J.))~~ **I.** (1) Draft bill referrals will be electronically  
16 published by 8:00 p.m. the evening before any session to  
17 consider them. All objections or requests for rereferral must be  
18 communicated in writing by a member to the majority floor leader  
19 by 8:00 a.m. the day of convening.

20 (2) The Senate may relieve the Rules Committee of a bill  
21 with the consent of a majority of the Senate, provided that two  
22 hours' notice has been given to the President and all members of  
23 the Senate by the majority leader. The majority leader will  
24 consult with the President prior to giving such notice.

#### 25 ~~((Consideration of Bills and Amendments~~

26 ~~**K.** (1) The majority floor leader will provide draft orders~~  
27 ~~of consideration for the Second Reading Calendar to the minority~~  
28 ~~floor leader by 5:00 p.m. two days before scheduled floor~~  
29 ~~action. Bills may be added to orders of consideration with the~~  
30 ~~consent of the majority and minority floor leaders.~~

31 ~~(2) Once a bill is listed on a draft order of consideration~~  
32 ~~submitted to the minority floor leader, any amendments must be~~  
33 ~~submitted electronically to the Secretary of the Senate for~~  
34 ~~consideration by 8:00 p.m. the day before scheduled floor action~~  
35 ~~to be in order.~~





1 member has discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary  
2 circumstances.

3 (5) Members must have amendment requests to nonpartisan  
4 committee staff by noon the day before scheduled executive  
5 action. Members should be considerate of staff and turn in  
6 amendment requests earlier if they are long or complex, keeping  
7 in mind the final deadline for consideration of amendments.

8 (6) All amendments, including substitutes, must be sponsored  
9 by a committee member. All amendments and effect statements must  
10 be either drafted or reviewed, or both, by nonpartisan committee  
11 staff. To be eligible for consideration at an executive  
12 session(~~(, amendments must be released from confidentiality and~~  
13 ~~posted to the Electronic Bill Book for committee members by 4:00~~  
14 ~~p.m. the day before the executive session or the amendments will~~  
15 ~~be considered out of order)) in a committee meeting scheduled to  
16 begin prior to 12:00 p.m., amendments must be released from  
17 confidentiality and posted to the Electronic Bill Book for  
18 committee members and the public by 4:00 p.m. the day before the  
19 executive session or the amendments will be considered out of  
20 order. To be eligible for consideration at an executive session  
21 in a committee meeting scheduled to begin on or after 12:00  
22 p.m., amendments must be released from confidentiality and  
23 posted to the Electronic Bill Book for committee members and the  
24 public by 7:00 p.m. the day before the executive session or the  
25 amendments will be considered out of order. A chair with the  
26 consent of the ranking member has discretion to waive this  
27 deadline in extraordinary circumstances.~~

28 (7) Committee voting will be done through recorded roll call  
29 votes with the results transmitted to the Secretary of the  
30 Senate via electronic means. Members must be present and visible  
31 to be eligible to vote during the executive session. Voting will  
32 not be allowed "subject to signatures."

33 (8) Electronic reports of standing committees must be  
34 received one hour prior to convening of the session in order to  
35 be read at said session. This requirement may be suspended by a  
36 majority of the Senate."

37 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8630,  
3 adopted by the Senate  
4 January 10, 2022

5 SARAH BANNISTER  
6 Secretary of the Senate