

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4650, by Representatives Fitzgibbon and Kretz

1 WHEREAS, It is necessary to provide for the continuation of the
2 work of the House of Representatives after its adjournment and during
3 the interim periods between legislative sessions;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Rules
5 Committee may assign subject matters, bills, memorials, and
6 resolutions to authorized committees of the House of Representatives
7 for study during the interim, and the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives may create special and select committees as may be
9 necessary to carry out the functions, including interim studies, of
10 the House of Representatives in an orderly manner and shall appoint
11 members to such committees with the approval of the Executive Rules
12 Committee; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during the interim, the schedules,
14 agendas, locations, and formats for all meetings of any legislative
15 task force, committee, or subcommittee shall be approved by the
16 Executive Rules Committee, and those task forces, committees, or
17 subcommittees may conduct hearings and scheduling without a quorum
18 being present; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during the interim, when
20 participating remotely in any committee meeting, members shall be
21 considered present for purposes of a quorum and voting; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during the interim, authorized
23 committees have the power of subpoena, the power to administer oaths,

1 and the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses
2 in accordance with chapter 44.16 RCW if and when specifically
3 authorized by the Executive Rules Committee for specific purposes and
4 specific subjects; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall complete the work of the 2023 Regular Session
7 of the Sixty-Eighth Legislature during interim periods, and all
8 details that arise therefrom, including the editing, indexing, and
9 publishing of the journal of the House of Representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
11 Representatives shall make the necessary inventory of furnishings,
12 fixtures, and supplies; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives may approve vouchers of the members of the House of
15 Representatives, covering expenses incurred during the interim for
16 official business of the Legislature in accordance with policies set
17 by the Executive Rules Committee, at the per diem rate provided by
18 law and established by the Executive Rules Committee, for each day or
19 major portion of a day, plus mileage at the rate provided by law and
20 established by the Executive Rules Committee; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives shall, during the interim, and as authorized by the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives, retain or hire any necessary
24 employees and order necessary supplies, equipment, and printing to
25 enable the House of Representatives to carry out its work promptly
26 and efficiently, and accept committee reports, committee bills,
27 prefiled bills, memorials, and resolutions as directed by the Rules
28 of the House of Representatives; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives shall have authority to execute personal services
31 contracts relating to workplace investigations, and notify the
32 Executive Rules Committee of any other types of personal services
33 contracts that necessitate the expenditure of House of
34 Representatives appropriations; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
36 Representatives shall execute the necessary vouchers upon which
37 warrants are drawn for all legislative expenses and expenditures of
38 the House of Representatives; and

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That members and employees of the
40 Legislature be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending

1 authorized conferences and meetings at the rate provided by law and
2 established by the Executive Rules Committee, plus mileage to and
3 from the conferences and meetings at the rate provided by law and
4 established by the Executive Rules Committee, which reimbursement
5 shall be paid on vouchers from any appropriation made to the House of
6 Representatives for legislative expenses; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during the interim, the use of the
8 House of Representatives Chamber, any of its committee rooms, or any
9 of the furniture or furnishings in them is permitted upon such terms
10 and conditions as the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
11 shall deem appropriate; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
13 Representatives may express the sympathy of the House of
14 Representatives by sending flowers and correspondence when the
15 necessity arises; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution applies throughout
17 the interim between sessions of the Sixty-Eighth Legislature, as well
18 as any committee assembly.

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