

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4696, by Representatives Fitzgibbon and Steele

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 or committee shall be approved by the Executive Rules
16 Committee, and those task forces or committees may conduct work
17 sessions and public hearings without a quorum being present; and

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during the interim, authorized
22 committees have the power of subpoena, the power to administer oaths,
23 and the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses

1 in accordance with chapter 44.16 RCW if and when specifically
2 authorized by the Executive Rules Committee for specific purposes and
3 specific subjects; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall complete the work of the 2024 Regular Session
6 of the Sixty-Eighth Legislature during interim periods, and all
7 details that arise therefrom, including the editing, indexing, and
8 publishing of the journal of the House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
32 Representatives shall execute the necessary vouchers upon which
33 warrants are drawn for all legislative expenses and expenditures of
34 the House of Representatives; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That members and employees of the
36 Legislature be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending
37 authorized conferences and meetings at the rate provided by law and
38 established by the Executive Rules Committee, plus mileage to and

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

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

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

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

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18 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
19 Resolution 4696 adopted by the House of Representatives

20 March 7, 2024

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk