

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4668, by Representatives Kessler and DeBolt

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Rules Committee is hereby created by this resolution and shall consist of three members of the majority caucus and two members of the minority caucus, to be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Minority Leader respectively; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Rules Committee shall have full authority and direction over the authorization and execution of any personal services contracts or subcontracts that necessitate the expenditure of House of Representatives appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during interim, the schedules of and locations for all meetings of any committee or subcommittee shall be approved by the Executive Rules Committee, and those committees or subcommittees may conduct hearings and scheduling without a quorum being present; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, during interim, authorized committees have the power of subpoena, the power to administer oaths, and the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses in accordance with chapter 44.16 RCW if and when specifically authorized by the Executive Rules Committee for specific purposes and specific subjects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall complete the work of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature during interim periods, and all details that arise therefrom, including the editing, indexing, and publishing of the journal of the House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives may authorize the attendance of members and employees at conferences and meetings in accordance with the policies adopted by the Executive Rules

Committee and may authorize the expenditure of registration or other fees and reimbursement for subsistence and travel for such purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the policies set by the Executive Rules Committee, members and employees of the Legislature be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending conferences and meetings, plus mileage to and from the conferences and meetings, at the rate established by law, which reimbursement shall be paid on vouchers from any appropriation made to the House of Representatives for legislative expenses; and

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

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

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