

ENGROSSED SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rules of the Senate for the 2017 Regular
2 Session of the 65th Legislature, as amended in the 2017 Regular
3 Session and the 2018 Regular Session, be adopted as amended as the
4 Rules of the Senate for the 2019 Regular Session of the 66th
5 Legislature, to read as follows:

6 **PERMANENT RULES**

7 **OF THE**

8 **SENATE**

9 **((~~SIXTY-FIFTH~~)) SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

10 **((~~2017~~)) 2019**

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14 **SECTION I**

15 **OFFICERS-MEMBERS-EMPLOYEES**

16 **Duties of the President**

17 **Rule 1.** 1. The president shall take the chair and call the
 18 senate to order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting,
 19 and, if a quorum be present, shall cause the journal of the
 20 preceding day to be read. (See also Art. 3, Sec. 16, State
 21 Constitution.)

22 2. The president shall preserve order and decorum, and in
 23 case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the
 24 chamber, legislative area, legislative offices or buildings, and
 25 legislative hearing and meeting rooms, shall order the sergeant
 26 at arms to suppress the same, and may order the arrest of any
 27 person creating any disturbance within the senate chamber.
 28 Cellular phone use within the senate chamber during floor
 29 session and within a hearing room during a committee hearing
 30 must be respectful to the members and the public and the phone
 31 must be kept in silent mode within the senate chamber during
 32 floor session and within a hearing room during a committee
 33 hearing.

1 shall have all the powers and authority and who shall discharge
2 all the duties of lieutenant governor acting as president
3 (~~during the lieutenant governor's absence~~) when the secretary
4 of the senate receives notice that the lieutenant governor is
5 unable to preside or is unable to confirm the lieutenant
6 governor's availability within a reasonable time. The president
7 pro tempore shall serve as the vice chair of the committee on
8 rules. The senate shall also elect a vice president pro tempore
9 who will serve in the absence of the lieutenant governor and the
10 president pro tempore. (See Art. 2, Sec. 10, State
11 Constitution.)

12 2. In the absence of the president pro tempore, and vice
13 president pro tempore, or with their consent, the president
14 shall have the right to name any senator to perform the duties
15 of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an
16 adjournment, nor authorize the senator so substituted to sign
17 any documents requiring the signature of the president.

18 3. A "majority caucus" is a caucus whose members constitute
19 a majority of the senate and may include members from different
20 political caucuses. The establishment of a majority caucus is
21 evidenced by a majority of the members of the senate
22 demonstrating the intent to caucus together and to lead the
23 senate. Those members not part of the majority caucus constitute
24 the minority caucus or caucuses.

25 **Secretary of the Senate**

26 **Rule 3.** 1. The senate shall elect a secretary, who shall
27 appoint a deputy secretary, both of whom shall be officers of
28 the senate and shall perform the usual duties pertaining to
29 their offices, and they shall hold office until their successors
30 have been elected or appointed.

31 2. The secretary is the Personnel Officer of the senate and
32 shall appoint, subject to the approval of the senate, all other
33 senate employees and the hours of duty and assignments of all
34 senate employees shall be under the secretary's directions and
35 instructions and they may be dismissed at the secretary's
36 discretion.

1 during floor session and within a hearing room during a
2 committee hearing must be respectful to the members and the
3 public and the phone must be kept in silent mode within the
4 senate chamber during floor session and within a hearing room
5 during a committee hearing.

6 2. In cases of breach of decorum or propriety, any senator,
7 officer or other person shall be liable to such censure or
8 punishment as the senate may deem proper, and if any senator be
9 called to order for offensive or indecorous language or conduct,
10 the person calling the senator to order shall report the
11 language excepted to which shall be taken down or noted at the
12 secretary's desk. No member shall be held to answer for any
13 language used upon the floor of the senate if business has
14 intervened before exception to the language was thus taken and
15 noted.

16 3. If any senator in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses
17 the rules of the senate, the president shall, or any senator
18 may, call that senator to order, and a senator so called to
19 order shall resume the senator's seat and not proceed without
20 leave of the senate, which leave, if granted, shall be upon
21 motion "that the senator be allowed to proceed in order," when,
22 if carried, the senator shall speak to the question under
23 consideration.

24 4. No senator shall be absent from the senate without leave,
25 except in case of accident or sickness, and if any senator or
26 officer shall be absent the senator's per diem shall not be
27 allowed or paid, and no senator or officer shall obtain leave of
28 absence or be excused from attendance without the consent of a
29 majority of the members present.

30 5. Members of the senate are subject to the senate's policy
31 on appropriate workplace conduct. Conduct in violation of the
32 policy may result in disciplinary action.

33 6. In the event of a motion or resolution to censure or
34 punish, or any procedural motion thereto involving a senator,
35 that senator shall not vote thereon. The senator shall be
36 allowed to answer to such motion or resolution. An election or

1 vote by the senate on a motion to censure or punish a senator
2 shall require the vote of a majority of all senators elected or
3 appointed to the senate. A vote to expel a member shall require
4 a two-thirds concurrence of all members elected or appointed to
5 the senate. All votes shall be taken by yeas and nays and the
6 votes shall be entered upon the journal. (See also Art. 2, Sec.
7 9, State Constitution.)

8 SECTION II

9 OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

10 ~~((Payment of Expenses))~~ Facilities and Operations

11 **Rule 8.** 1. After the election of new caucus leadership at
12 the beginning of the first regular session during a legislative
13 biennium or anytime during the legislative biennium that a
14 different caucus becomes the majority caucus, the majority
15 caucus shall designate four members and the minority caucus
16 shall designate three members to serve on the facilities and
17 operations committee. Each caucus may also designate an
18 alternate. The chair of the majority caucus shall be the chair
19 of the facilities and operations committee. If a different
20 caucus becomes the majority caucus anytime during the
21 legislative biennium, the operation of the senate shall transfer
22 to the newly designated members after the leadership of the new
23 majority caucus is determined.

24 2. All necessary expenses of the senate incurred during the
25 session shall be signed for by the secretary and approved by a
26 majority of the committee on facilities and operations. The
27 committee on facilities and operations shall carefully consider
28 all items of expenditure ordered or contracted on the part of
29 the senate, and report upon the same prior to the voucher being
30 signed by the secretary of the senate authorizing the payment
31 thereof. The committee on facilities and operations shall issue
32 postage only as follows:

33 (a) To elected or appointed members of the senate in an
34 amount sufficient to allow performance of their legislative
35 duties.

1 (b) To the secretary of the senate in an amount sufficient
2 to carry out the business of the senate.

3 3. The facilities and operations committee is authorized to
4 adopt respectful workplace policies.

5 **Use of Senate Chambers**

6 **Rule 9.** The senate chamber and its facilities shall not be
7 used for any but legislative business, except by permission of
8 the senate while in session, or by the facilities and operations
9 committee when not in session.

10 **Admission to the Senate**

11 **Rule 10.** The sergeant at arms shall admit only the following
12 individuals to the floor and adjacent areas of the senate for
13 the period of time beginning one-half hour before convening and
14 ending when the senate has adjourned or recessed for an hour or
15 more:

16 The governor and/or designees,
17 Members of the house of representatives,
18 State elected officials,
19 Officers and authorized employees of the legislature,
20 Honored guests being presented to the senate,
21 Former members of the senate who are not registered
22 lobbyists pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW,
23 Representatives of the press,
24 Persons specifically requested by a senator to the president
25 in writing or only as long as accompanied by a senator.

26 **Printing of Bills**

27 **Rule 11.** The number of bills printed and reprinted shall be
28 at the discretion of the secretary of the senate, with the
29 approval of the facilities and operations committee.

30 **Furnishing Full File of Bills**

31 **Rule 12.** Persons, firms, corporations and organizations
32 within the state, desirous of receiving copies of all printed
33 senate bills, shall make application therefor to the secretary
34 of the senate. The bill clerk shall send copies of all printed

1 senate bills to such persons, firms, corporations and
2 organizations as may be ordered by the secretary of the senate.
3 The secretary of the senate is authorized to recoup costs.

4 **Regulation of Lobbyists**

5 **Rule 13.** All persons who engage in lobbying of any kind as
6 defined in chapter 42.17 RCW (~~(shall be)~~) are subject to the
7 (~~(rules and respectful workplace policies of the senate and~~
8 ~~legislature when lobbying before the senate. Any person who~~
9 ~~fails to conform to the senate or joint rules may have their~~
10 ~~privilege to lobby and all other privileges revoked upon a~~
11 ~~majority vote of the committee on rules for such time as is~~
12 ~~deemed appropriate by the committee)) senate's policy on
13 appropriate workplace conduct. Conduct that constitutes
14 prohibited conduct under the policy may result in restrictions,
15 including, but not limited to, prohibitions on unaccompanied
16 movement within the senate.~~

17 Any person registered as a lobbyist pursuant to chapter
18 42.17 RCW who intervenes in or attempts to influence any
19 personnel decision of the senate regarding any employee may
20 suffer an immediate revocation of all privileges before the
21 senate or such other privileges and for such time as may be
22 deemed appropriate by the senate committee on rules. This
23 restriction shall not prohibit a registered lobbyist from making
24 written recommendations for staff positions.

25 **Security Management**

26 **Rule 14.** The sergeant at arms (~~(may)~~) shall develop
27 (~~(methods)~~) security procedures to protect the senate, including
28 its members, staff, and the visiting public(~~(, by establishing~~
29 ~~procedures to curtail the use or possession of any weapon in a~~
30 ~~manner that is prohibited by law or by the rules of the~~
31 ~~Department of General Administration)) .~~

32 **SECTION III**

33 **RULES AND ORDER**

34 **Time of Convening**

1 **Special Order**

2 **Rule 18.** The president shall call the senate to order at the
3 hour fixed for the consideration of a special order, and
4 announce that the special order is before the senate, which
5 shall then be considered unless it is postponed by a majority
6 vote of the members present, and any business before the senate
7 at the time of the announcement of the special order shall take
8 its regular position in the order of business, except that if a
9 cutoff established by concurrent resolution occurs during the
10 special order, the senate may complete the measure that was
11 before the senate when consideration of the special order was
12 commenced.

13 **Unfinished Business**

14 **Rule 19.** The unfinished business at the preceding
15 adjournment shall have preference over all other matters,
16 excepting special orders, and no motion or any other business
17 shall be received without special leave of the senate until the
18 former is disposed of.

19 **Motions and Senate Floor Resolutions**

20 **(How Presented)**

21 **Rule 20.** 1. No motion shall be entertained or debated until
22 announced by the president and every motion shall be deemed to
23 have been seconded. It shall be reduced to writing and read by
24 the secretary, if desired by the president or any senator,
25 before it shall be debated, and by the consent of the senate may
26 be withdrawn before amendment or action.

27 2. The senate shall consider no more than one floor
28 resolution per day in session: Provided, That this rule shall
29 not apply to floor resolutions essential to the operation of the
30 senate; and further Provided, That there shall be no limit on
31 the number of floor resolutions considered on senate pro forma
32 session days. Senate floor resolutions shall be acted upon in
33 the same manner as motions. All senate floor resolutions shall
34 be on the secretary's desk at least twenty-four hours prior to
35 consideration. Members' names shall be added to the resolution

1 only if the member signs the resolution, except by unanimous
2 consent of the senate. Members shall have until thirty minutes
3 after the senate is convened the following day the senate is in
4 a regular or pro forma session to add or remove their names to
5 the floor resolution. A motion may be made to close the period
6 for signatures at an earlier time.

7 **Precedence of Motions**

8 **Rule 21.** When a motion has been made and stated by the chair
9 the following motions are in order, in the rank named:

10 PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

11 Adjourn, recess, or go at ease

12 Reconsider

13 Demand for call of the senate

14 Demand for roll call

15 Demand for division

16 Question of privilege

17 Orders of the day

18 INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

19 Points of order and appeal

20 Method of consideration

21 Suspend the rules

22 Reading papers

23 Withdraw a motion

24 Division of a question

25 SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

26 1st Rank: To lay on the table

27 2nd Rank: For the previous question

28 3rd Rank: To postpone to a day certain

29 To commit or recommit

30 To postpone indefinitely

31 4th Rank: To amend

32 No motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to
33 postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed on
34 the same day and at the same stage of the proceedings, and when

1 a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not again be
2 introduced during the session.

3 A motion to lay an amendment on the table shall not carry
4 the main question with it unless so specified in the motion to
5 table.

6 At no time shall the senate entertain a Question of
7 Consideration.

8 **Voting**

9 **Rule 22.** 1. In all cases of election by the senate, the
10 votes shall be taken by yeas and nays, and no senator or other
11 person shall remain by the secretary's desk while the roll is
12 being called or the votes are being counted. No senator shall be
13 allowed to vote except when within the bar of the senate, or
14 upon any question upon which he or she is in any way personally
15 or directly interested, nor be allowed to explain a vote or
16 discuss the question while the yeas and nays are being called,
17 nor change a vote after the result has been announced. (See also
18 Art. 2, Secs. 27 and 30, State Constitution.)

19 2. A member not voting by reason of personal or direct
20 interest, or by reason of an excused absence, may explain the
21 reason for not voting by a brief statement not to exceed fifty
22 words in the journal.

23 3. The yeas and nays shall be taken when called for by one-
24 sixth of all the senators present, and every senator within the
25 bar of the senate shall vote unless excused by the unanimous
26 vote of the members present, except as provided for in Senate
27 Rule 7, subsection 4, and the votes shall be entered upon the
28 journal. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 21, State Constitution.)

29 When once begun the roll call may not be interrupted for any
30 purpose other than to move a call of the senate. (See also
31 Senate Rule 24.)

32 4. A senator having been absent during roll call may ask to
33 have his or her name called. Such a request must be made before
34 the result of the roll call has been announced by the president.

1 **No Amendment by Mere Reference to Title of Act**

2 **Rule 26.** No act shall ever be revised or amended by mere
3 reference to its title, but the act revised or the section
4 amended shall be set forth at full length. (See also Art. 2,
5 Sec. 37, State Constitution.)

6 **Reading of Papers**

7 **Rule 27.** When the reading of any paper is called for, and is
8 objected to by any senator, it shall be determined by a vote of
9 the senate, without debate.

10 Any and all copies of reproductions of newspaper or magazine
11 editorials, articles or cartoons or publications or material of
12 any nature distributed to senators' desks must bear the name of
13 at least one senator granting permission for the distribution.
14 This shall not apply to materials normally distributed by the
15 secretary of the senate or the majority or minority caucuses.

16 **Comparing Enrolled and Engrossed Bills**

17 **Rule 28.** Any senator shall have the right to compare an
18 enrolled bill with the engrossed bill and may note any
19 objections in the Journal.

20 **SECTION IV**

21 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

22 **Rules of Debate**

23 **Rule 29.** When any senator is about to speak in debate, or
24 submit any matter to the senate, the senator shall rise, and
25 standing in place, respectfully (~~address~~) request recognition
26 by the President, and when recognized shall, in a courteous
27 manner, speak to the question under debate, avoiding
28 personalities; provided that a senator may refer to another
29 member using the title "Senator" and the surname of the other
30 member. No senator shall impeach the motives of any other member
31 or speak more than twice (except for explanation) during the
32 consideration of any one question, on the same day or a second
33 time without leave, when others who have not spoken desire the
34 floor, but incidental and subsidiary questions arising during
35 the debate shall not be considered the same question. A majority

1 of the members present may further limit the number of times a
2 member may speak on any question and may limit the length of
3 time a member may speak but, unless a demand for the previous
4 question has been sustained, a member shall not be denied the
5 right to speak at least once on each question, nor shall a
6 member be limited to less than two minutes on each question. In
7 any event, the senator who presents the motion may open and
8 close debate on the question.

9 **Recognition by the President**

10 **Rule 30.** When two or more senators rise at the same time to
11 address the chair, the president shall name the one who shall
12 speak first, giving preference, when practicable, to the mover
13 or introducer of the subject under consideration. (See also
14 Reed's Rule 214).

15 **Call for Division of a Question**

16 **Rule 31.** Any senator may call for a division of a question,
17 which shall be divided if it embraces subjects so distinct that
18 one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain for
19 the decision of the senate; but a motion to strike out and
20 insert shall not be divided.

21 **Point of Order - Decision Appealable**

22 **Rule 32.** 1. Every decision of points of order by the
23 president shall be subject to appeal by any senator, and
24 discussion of a question of order shall be allowed. In all cases
25 of appeal the question shall be: "Shall the decision of the
26 president stand as the judgment of the senate?"

27 2. When a member appeals the decision of the presiding
28 officer, the presiding officer may not preside over the appeal.

29 3. An appeal from the decision of the presiding officer is
30 timely if brought before the body on the day the decision was
31 made unless the decision affected a measure that is no longer in
32 possession of the senate.

33 **Question of Privilege**

1 motion and at the discretion of the president a rebuttal may be
2 allowed.

3 3. For the purposes of this rule, one day's notice means
4 written notice is provided to all members of the Senate by 5:00
5 p.m. the day prior to the amendment to the permanent rules being
6 offered and the notice must include, at a minimum, a description
7 of the change to be offered.

8 **Previous Question**

9 **Rule 36.** The previous question shall not be put unless
10 demanded by three senators, and it shall then be in this form:
11 "Shall the main question be now put?" When sustained by a
12 majority of senators present it shall preclude all debate,
13 except the senator who presents the motion may open and close
14 debate on the question and the vote shall be immediately taken
15 on the question or questions pending before the senate, and all
16 incidental question or questions of order arising after the
17 motion is made shall be decided whether on appeal or otherwise
18 without debate.

19 **Reconsideration**

20 **Rule 37.** 1. After the final vote on any measure, before the
21 adjournment of that day's session, any member who voted with the
22 prevailing side may give notice of reconsideration unless a
23 motion to immediately transmit the measure to the house has been
24 decided in the affirmative. Such motion to reconsider shall be
25 in order only under the order of motions of the day immediately
26 following the day upon which such notice of reconsideration is
27 given, and may be made by any member who voted with the
28 prevailing side.

29 2. A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every
30 other motion, except a motion to adjourn; and when the senate
31 adjourns while a motion to reconsider is pending or before
32 passing the order of motions, the right to move a
33 reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting. On
34 and after the tenth day prior to adjournment sine die of any
35 session, as determined pursuant to Article 2, Section 12, or
36 concurrent resolution, or in the event that the measure is

1 subject to a senate rule or resolution or a joint rule or
2 concurrent resolution, which would preclude consideration on the
3 next day of sitting a motion to reconsider shall only be in
4 order on the same day upon which notice of reconsideration is
5 given and may be made at any time that day. Motions to
6 reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be
7 made and decided at once.

8 **Motion to Adjourn**

9 **Rule 38.** Except when under call of the senate, a motion to
10 adjourn shall always be in order. The name of the senator moving
11 to adjourn and the time when the motion was made shall be
12 entered upon the journal.

13 **Yeas and Nays - When Must be Taken**

14 **Rule 39.** The yeas and nays shall be taken when called for by
15 one-sixth of all the senators present, and every senator within
16 the bar of the senate shall vote unless excused by the unanimous
17 vote of the members present, and the votes shall be entered upon
18 the journal. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 21, State Constitution.)

19 When once begun the roll call may not be interrupted for any
20 purpose other than to move a call of the senate. (See also
21 Senate Rules 22 and 24.)

22 **Reed's Parliamentary Rules**

23 **Rule 40.** The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in
24 Reed's Parliamentary Rules shall govern the senate in all cases
25 to which they are applicable, and in which they are not
26 inconsistent with the rules and orders of this senate and the
27 joint rules of this senate and the house of representatives.

28 **SECTION V**

29 **COMMITTEES**

30 **Committees - Appointment and Confirmation**

31 **Rule 41.** The president shall appoint all conference,
32 special, joint and standing committees and standing
33 subcommittees on the part of the senate. The appointment of the
34 conference, special, joint and standing committees and standing
35 subcommittees shall be confirmed by the senate.

1 In the event the senate shall refuse to confirm any
 2 conference, special, joint or standing committee ((~~or~~
 3 ~~committees~~)) or standing subcommittee, such committee ((~~or~~
 4 ~~committees~~)) or standing subcommittee shall be elected by the
 5 senate.

6 The following standing committees shall constitute the
 7 standing committees of the senate:

Standing Committee	Total Membership
(1. Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.	5
2. Economic Development & International Trade.	5
3. Early Learning & K-12 Education.	10
4. Energy, Environment & Technology.	10
5. Financial Institutions & Insurance.	7
6. Health & Long-Term Care.	10
7. Higher Education & Workforce Development.	9
8. Human Services & Corrections.	7
9. Labor & Commerce.	9
10. Law & Justice.	7
11. Local Government.	5
12. Rules.	16 (plus the Lieutenant Governor)
13. State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.	5
14. Transportation.	15
15. Ways & Means.	24)
<u>1. Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2. Early Learning & K-12 Education.</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>3. Environment, Energy, & Technology.</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>4. Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>5. Health & Long-Term Care.</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>6. Higher Education & Workforce Development.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>7. Housing Stability & Affordability.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8. Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>9. Labor & Commerce.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>10. Law & Justice.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>11. Local Government.</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>12. Rules.</u>	<u>16 (plus the Lieutenant Governor)</u>
<u>13. State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>14. Transportation.</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>15. Ways & Means.</u>	<u>24</u>

1 committee on rules may overrule the service on an individual so
2 named.

3 **Duties of Committees**

4 **Rule 44.** The several committees shall fully consider
5 measures referred to them.

6 The committees shall acquaint themselves with the interest
7 of the state specially represented by the committee, and from
8 time to time present such bills and reports as in their judgment
9 will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people
10 of the state: PROVIDED, That no executive action on bills may be
11 taken during an interim.

12 **Committee Rules**

13 **Rule 45.** 1. At least five days' notice shall be given of all
14 public hearings held by any committee other than the rules
15 committee. Such notice shall contain the date, time and place of
16 such hearing together with the title and number of each bill, or
17 identification of the subject matter, to be considered at such
18 hearing. By a majority vote of the committee members present at
19 any committee meeting such notice may be dispensed with. The
20 reason for such action shall be set forth in a written statement
21 preserved in the records of the meeting.

22 2. No committee may hold a public hearing during a regular
23 or extraordinary session on a proposal identified as a draft
24 unless the draft has been made available to the public at least
25 twenty-four hours prior to the hearing. This rule does not apply
26 during the five days prior to any cutoff established by
27 concurrent resolution nor does it apply to any measure exempted
28 from the resolution.

29 3. During its consideration of or vote on any bill,
30 resolution or memorial, the deliberations of any committee or
31 subcommittee of the senate shall be open to the public. In case
32 of any disturbance or disorderly conduct at any such
33 deliberations, the chair shall order the sergeant at arms to
34 suppress the same and may order the meeting closed to any person
35 or persons creating such disturbance.

1 4. No committee shall amend a measure, adopt a substitute
2 bill, or vote upon any measure or appointment absent a quorum. A
3 committee may conduct a hearing absent a quorum. A majority of
4 any committee shall constitute a quorum and committees shall be
5 considered to have a quorum present unless the question is
6 raised. Any question as to quorum not raised at the time of the
7 committee action is deemed waived.

8 5. Bills reported to the senate from a standing committee
9 must have a majority report, which shall be prepared upon a
10 printed standing committee report form; shall be adopted at a
11 regularly or specially called meeting during a legislative
12 session and shall be signed by a majority of the committee; and
13 shall carry only one of the following recommendations:

- 14 a. Do pass;
15 b. Do pass as amended;
16 c. That a substitute bill be substituted therefor, and the
17 substitute bill do pass; or
18 d. Without recommendation.

19 In addition to one of the above-listed recommendations, a
20 report may also recommend that a bill be referred to another
21 committee.

22 6. A majority report of a committee must carry the
23 signatures of a majority of the members of the committee. In the
24 event a committee has a quorum pursuant to subsection 4 of this
25 rule, subject to the limitation of subsection 12 of this rule, a
26 majority of the members present may act on a measure, subject to
27 obtaining the signatures of a majority of the members of the
28 committee on the majority report.

29 7. Any measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment
30 still within a committee's possession before it has been
31 reported out to the full senate may be reconsidered to correct
32 an error, change language, or otherwise accurately reflect the
33 will of the committee in its majority and minority reports to
34 the full senate. Any such reconsideration may be made at any
35 time, by any member of the committee, provided that the
36 committee has not yet reported the measure, appointment,

1 substitute bill, or amendment out to the full senate. Any such
2 reconsideration made after a vote has been taken or signatures
3 obtained will require a new vote and signature sheet. Any
4 measure which does not receive a majority vote of the members
5 present may be reconsidered at that meeting and may again be
6 considered upon motion of any committee member if one day's
7 notice of said motion is provided to all committee members. For
8 purposes of this rule, a committee is deemed to have reported a
9 measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment out when it
10 has delivered its majority and minority reports to the senate
11 workroom. After such delivery, the committee no longer has
12 possession of the measure, appointment, substitute bill, or
13 amendment and no further committee action, including
14 reconsideration, may be taken.

15 8. Any member of the committee not concurring in the
16 majority report may sign a minority report containing a
17 recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation,"
18 which shall be signed by those members of the committee
19 subscribing thereto, and submitted with the majority report.
20 Unless the signatory of a minority report expressly indicates a
21 "do not pass" recommendation, the member's vote shall be deemed
22 to be "without recommendation." In every case where a majority
23 report form is circulated for signature, a minority report form
24 shall also be circulated.

25 9. When a committee reports a substitute for an original
26 bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill do pass,
27 it shall be in order to read the substitute bill the first time
28 and have the same ordered printed.

29 A motion for the substitution of the substitute bill for the
30 original bill shall not be in order until the committee on rules
31 places the original bill on the second reading calendar.

32 10. No vote in any committee shall be taken by secret ballot
33 nor shall any committee have a policy of secrecy as to any vote
34 on action taken in such committee.

35 11. All reports of standing committees must be on the
36 secretary's desk one hour prior to convening of the session in

1 order to be read at said session. During any special session of
2 the legislature, this rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

3 12. When a standing committee is operated by cochairs, the
4 committee may not vote upon any measure or appointment without
5 the consent of each cochair.

6 13. When a standing committee has a standing subcommittee
7 established under Senate Rule 41, the chair of the committee may
8 rerefer any measures referred to the committee to the standing
9 subcommittee with the consent of the ranking member of the
10 committee or, in the event of a dispute between the chair and
11 ranking member, referral may occur with a majority vote of the
12 committee.

13 **Committee Meetings During Sessions**

14 **Rule 46.** No committee shall sit during the daily session of
15 the senate unless by special leave.

16 No committee shall sit during any scheduled caucus.

17 **Reading of Reports**

18 **Rule 47.** The majority report, and minority report, if there
19 be one, together with the names of the signers thereof, shall be
20 read by the secretary, unless the reading be dispensed with by
21 the senate, and all committee reports shall be spread upon the
22 journal.

23 **Recalling Bills from Committees**

24 **Rule 48.** Any standing committee or standing subcommittee of
25 the senate may be relieved of further consideration of any bill,
26 regardless of prior action of the committee, by a majority vote
27 of the senators elected or appointed. The senate may then make
28 such orderly disposition of the bill as they may direct by a
29 majority vote of the members of the senate.

30 **Bills Referred to Rules Committee**

31 **Rule 49.** All bills reported by a committee to the senate
32 shall then be referred to the committee on rules for second
33 reading without action on the report unless otherwise ordered by
34 the senate. (See also Senate Rules 63 and 64.)

1 **Rules Committee**

2 **Rule 50.** The lieutenant governor shall be a voting member
3 and the chair of the committee on rules. The president pro
4 tempore shall be a voting member and the vice chair of the
5 committee on rules. The committee on rules shall have charge of
6 the daily second and third reading calendar of the senate and
7 shall direct the secretary of the senate the order in which the
8 bills shall be considered by the senate and the committee on
9 rules shall have the authority to directly refer any bill before
10 them to any other standing committee. Such referral shall be
11 reported out to the senate on the next day's business.

12 The ((senate may change the)) order of consideration of
13 bills on the second or third reading calendar will be set by the
14 floor leader of the majority caucus. A majority of members
15 present may vote to change the order.

16 The calendar, except in emergent situations, as determined
17 by the committee on rules, shall be on the desks and in the
18 offices of the senators each day and shall cover the bills for
19 consideration on the next following day.

20 **Employment Committee**

21 **Rule 51.** The employment committee for committee staff shall
22 consist of six members, three from the majority party and three
23 from the minority party. The chair shall be appointed by the
24 majority leader. All decisions shall be determined by majority
25 vote. The committee shall operate within staffing, budget levels
26 and guidelines as authorized and adopted by the facilities and
27 operations committee.

28 **Committee of the Whole**

29 **Rule 52.** At no time shall the senate sit as a committee of
30 the whole.

31 The senate may at any time, by the vote of the majority of
32 the members present, sit as a body for the purpose of taking
33 testimony on any measure before the senate.

34 **Appropriation Budget Bills**

1 day before the convening of the session at which said bill,
2 joint resolution, or joint memorial is to be introduced.

3 Provided that a vote has not been taken on final passage of
4 a bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial, a member may add
5 his or her name as a cosponsor until 2:00 p.m. of the day of its
6 introduction. For any bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial
7 that has been prefiled for a regular session, a member has until
8 2:00 p.m. of the day following introduction to add his or her
9 name as a cosponsor.

10 To be considered during a regular session, a bill must be
11 introduced at least ten days before final adjournment of the
12 legislature, unless the legislature directs otherwise by a vote
13 of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, said
14 vote to be taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal.
15 The time limitation for introduction of bills shall not apply to
16 substitute bills reported by standing committees for bills
17 pending before such committees and general appropriation and
18 revenue bills. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 36, State Constitution.)

19 **Amendatory Bills**

20 **Rule 57.** Bills introduced in the senate intended to amend
21 existing statutes shall have the words which are amendatory to
22 such existing statutes underlined. Any matter to be deleted from
23 the existing statutes shall be indicated by setting such matter
24 forth in full, enclosed by double parentheses, and such deleted
25 matter shall be lined out with hyphens. No bill shall be printed
26 or acted upon until the provisions of this rule shall have been
27 complied with.

28 Sections added by amendatory bill to an existing act, or
29 chapter of the official code, need not be underlined but shall
30 be designated "NEW SECTION" in upper case type and such
31 designation shall be underlined. New enactments need not be
32 underlined.

33 When statutes are being repealed, the Revised Code of
34 Washington section number to be repealed, the section caption
35 and the session law history, from the most current to the
36 original, shall be cited.

1 consideration of bills, as determined pursuant to Article 2,
2 Section 12 of the Constitution or concurrent resolution, or
3 during any special session of the legislature, this rule may be
4 suspended by a majority vote. (See also Senate Rules 59 and
5 ((Rule)) 64).

6 **First Reading**

7 **Rule 63.** The first reading of a bill shall be by title only,
8 unless a majority of the members present demand a reading in
9 full.

10 After the first reading, bills shall be referred to an
11 appropriate committee pursuant to Senate Rule 61.

12 Upon being reported back by committee, pursuant to Senate
13 Rule 49, all bills shall be referred to the committee on rules
14 for second reading, unless otherwise ordered by the senate.
15 ((~~See Rule 49.~~))

16 A bill shall be reported back by the committee chair upon
17 written petition therefor signed by a majority of its members.
18 The petition shall designate the recommendation as provided in
19 Senate Rule 45, Sub. 5.

20 No committee chair shall exercise a pocket veto of any bill.

21 Should there be a two-thirds majority report of the
22 committee membership against the bill, a vote shall be
23 immediately ordered for the indefinite postponement of the bill.

24 **Second Reading/Amendments**

25 **Rule 64.** Upon second reading, the bill shall be read section
26 by section, in full, and be subject to amendment.

27 Any member may, if sustained by three members, remove a bill
28 from the consent calendar as constituted by the committee on
29 rules. A bill removed from the consent calendar shall take its
30 place as the last bill ((~~in the order of consideration of~~
31 ~~bills~~)) on the second reading calendar.

32 No amendment shall be considered by the senate until it
33 shall have been sent to the secretary's desk in writing and read
34 by the secretary.

1 All amendments adopted on the second reading shall then be
2 securely fastened to the original bill.

3 All amendments rejected by the senate shall be spread upon
4 the journal, and the journal shall show the disposition of all
5 amendments.

6 When no further amendments shall be offered, the president
7 shall declare the bill has passed its second reading, and shall
8 be referred to the committee on rules for third reading.

9 **Third Reading**

10 **Rule 65.** Bills on third reading shall be read in full by
11 sections, and no amendment shall be entertained.

12 When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified to by the
13 secretary, together with the vote upon final passage, noting the
14 day of its passage thereon.

15 The vote must be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the
16 senators voting for and against the same to be entered upon the
17 journal and the majority of the members elected to the senate
18 must be recorded thereon as voting in its favor to secure its
19 passage by the senate.

20 **Scope and Object of Bill Not to be Changed**

21 **Rule 66.** No amendment to any bill shall be allowed which
22 shall change the scope and object of the bill. (See also Art. 2,
23 Sec. 38, State Constitution.) Substitute bills shall be
24 considered amendments for the purposes of this rule. A point of
25 order raising the question of scope and object may be raised at
26 any time during consideration of an amendment prior to voting on
27 the amendment. A proposed amendment to an unamended title-only
28 bill shall be within the scope and object of the bill if the
29 subject of the amendment fits within the language in the title.

30 **Matters Related to Disagreement Between the Senate and House**

31 **Rule 67.** When there is a disagreement between the senate and
32 house on a measure before the senate, the senate may act upon
33 the measure with the following motions which have priority in
34 the following order:

- 1 To concur
- 2 To non-concur
- 3 To recede
- 4 To insist
- 5 To adhere

6 These motions are in order as to any single amendment or to
7 a series of amendments. (See Reed's Rules 247 through 254.)

8 A senate bill, passed by the house with amendment or
9 amendments which shall change the scope and object of the bill,
10 upon being received in the senate, shall be referred to an
11 appropriate committee and shall take the same course as for
12 original bills, unless a motion to ask the house to recede, to
13 insist or to adhere is made prior to the measure being referred
14 to committee.

15 **Bills Committed for Special Amendment**

16 **Rule 68.** A bill may be committed with or without special
17 instructions to amend at any time before taking the final vote.

18 **Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointees**

19 **Rule 69.** When the names of appointees to state offices are
20 transmitted to the secretary of the senate for senate
21 confirmation, the communication from the governor shall be
22 recorded and referred to the appropriate standing committee.

23 The standing committee, or subcommittee, pursuant to Senate
24 Rule 42, shall require each appointee referred to the committee
25 for consideration to complete the standard questionnaire to be
26 used to ascertain the appointee's general background and
27 qualifications. The committee may also require the appointee to
28 complete a supplemental questionnaire related specifically to
29 the qualifications for the position to which he has been
30 appointed.

31 Any hearing on a gubernatorial appointment, held by the
32 standing committee, or subcommittees, pursuant to Senate Rule
33 42, shall be a public hearing. The appointee may be required to
34 appear before the committee on request. When appearing, the
35 appointee shall be required to testify under oath or

1 affirmation. The chair of the committee or the presiding member
2 shall administer the oath or affirmation in accordance with RCW
3 44.16. (See also Article 2, Sec. 6 of the State Constitution.)

4 Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent a
5 standing committee, or subcommittee, pursuant to Senate Rule 42,
6 upon a two-thirds vote of its members, from holding executive
7 sessions when considering an appointment.

8 When the committee on rules presents the report of the
9 standing committee before the senate, the question shall be the
10 confirmation of the name proposed, and the roll shall then be
11 called and the yeas and nays entered upon the journal. In the
12 event a message is received from the governor requesting return
13 of an appointment or appointments to the office of the governor
14 prior to confirmation, the senate shall vote upon the governor's
15 request and the appointment or appointments shall be returned to
16 the governor if the request is approved by a majority of the
17 members elected or appointed. (Article 13 of the State
18 Constitution.)

19 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8601,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 January 14, 2019

24 BRAD HENDRICKSON
25 Secretary of the Senate