

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4646, by Representatives Sullivan 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 is hereby created by this resolution and shall consist of
6 three members of the majority caucus and two members of the minority
7 caucus, to be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
8 and Minority Leader respectively; and

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

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

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

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall complete the work of the 2017 Regular Session
9 of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature during interim periods, and all
10 details that arise therefrom, including the editing, indexing, and
11 publishing of the journal of the House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
32 Representatives shall have authority to carry out the directions of
33 the Executive Rules Committee regarding the authorization and
34 execution of any personal services contracts or subcontracts that
35 necessitate the expenditure of House of Representatives
36 appropriations; and

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That members and employees of the
2 Legislature be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending
3 authorized conferences and meetings at the rate provided by law and
4 established by the Executive Rules Committee, plus mileage to and
5 from the conferences and meetings at the rate provided by law and
6 established by the Executive Rules Committee, which reimbursement
7 shall be paid on vouchers from any appropriation made to the House of
8 Representatives for legislative expenses; and

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

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

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

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