

ENGROSSED SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rules of the Senate for the ((2019))
2 2021 Regular Session of the ((66th)) 67th Legislature, as amended in
3 the ((2019)) 2021 Regular Session and the ((2020)) 2022 Regular
4 Session, be adopted as amended as the Rules of the Senate for the
5 ((2021)) 2023 Regular Session of the ((67th)) 68th Legislature, to
6 read as follows:

7 **PERMANENT RULES**

8 **OF THE**

9 **SENATE**

10 **((~~SIXTY-SEVENTH~~)) SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

11 **((2021)) 2023**

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SECTION I

OFFICERS-MEMBERS-EMPLOYEES

Duties of the President

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

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

1 must be kept in silent mode within the senate chamber during
2 floor session and within a hearing room during a committee
3 hearing.

4 3. The president shall have charge of and see that all
5 officers and employees perform their respective duties, and
6 shall have general control of the senate chamber and wings. (See
7 also Art. 2, Sec. 10, State Constitution.)

8 4. The president may speak to points of order in preference
9 to members, arising from the president's seat for that purpose,
10 and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to
11 the senate by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak
12 more than once without leave of the senate.

13 5. The president shall, in open session, sign all acts,
14 addresses and joint resolutions. The president shall sign all
15 writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the senate, all
16 of which shall be attested by the secretary. If the senate is
17 operating in a remote format under the authority of Senate Rule
18 70, an electronic or scanned signature is authorized in place of
19 a physical signature. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 32, State
20 Constitution.)

21 6. The president shall appoint all conference, special,
22 joint and hereinafter named standing committees on the part of
23 the senate. The appointment of the conference, special, joint
24 and standing committees shall be confirmed by the senate. In the
25 event the senate refuses to confirm any conference, special,
26 joint or standing committee or committees, such committee or
27 committees shall be elected by the senate.

28 7. The president shall, on each day, announce to the senate
29 the business in order, and no business shall be taken up or
30 considered until the order to which it belongs shall be
31 declared.

32 8. The president shall decide and announce the result of any
33 vote taken.

34 9. When a vote of the senate is equally divided, the
35 lieutenant governor, when presiding, shall have the deciding

1 vote as provided for in the state Constitution. (See also Art.
2 2, Sec. 10 and 22, State Constitution.)

3 **President Pro Tempore**

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

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

22 (~~3. A "majority caucus" is a caucus whose members~~
23 ~~constitute a majority of the senate and may include members from~~
24 ~~different political caucuses. The establishment of a majority~~
25 ~~caucus is evidenced by a majority of the members of the senate~~
26 ~~demonstrating the intent to caucus together and to lead the~~
27 ~~senate. Those members not part of the majority caucus constitute~~
28 ~~the minority caucus or caucuses.))~~

29 **Secretary of the Senate**

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

1 **Conduct of Members and Officers**

2 **Rule 7.** 1. Indecorous conduct, boisterous or unbecoming
3 language will not be permitted in the senate at any time. Food
4 is prohibited within the senate chamber during floor session.
5 Cellular phone use within the senate chamber during floor
6 session and within a hearing room during a committee hearing
7 must be respectful to the members and the public and the phone
8 must be kept in silent mode within the senate chamber during
9 floor session and within a hearing room during a committee
10 hearing.

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

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

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

1 5. Members of the senate are subject to the senate's policy
2 on appropriate workplace conduct. Conduct in violation of the
3 policy may result in disciplinary action.

4 6. In the event of a motion or resolution to censure or
5 punish, or any procedural motion thereto involving a senator,
6 that senator shall not vote thereon. The senator shall be
7 allowed to answer to such motion or resolution. An election or
8 vote by the senate on a motion to censure or punish a senator
9 shall require the vote of a majority of all senators elected or
10 appointed to the senate. A vote to expel a member shall require
11 a two-thirds concurrence of all members elected or appointed to
12 the senate. All votes shall be taken by yeas and nays and the
13 votes shall be entered upon the journal. (See also Art. 2, Sec.
14 9, State Constitution.)

15 SECTION II

16 OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

17 Facilities and Operations

18 **Rule 8.** 1. After the election of new caucus leadership at
19 the beginning of the first regular session during a legislative
20 biennium (~~(or anytime during the legislative biennium that a~~
21 ~~different caucus becomes the majority caucus)),~~ the majority
22 caucus shall designate four members and the minority caucus
23 shall designate three members to serve on the facilities and
24 operations committee. Each caucus may also designate an
25 alternate. The chair of the facilities and operations committee
26 must be selected by a majority vote of the members of the
27 committee. If a different caucus becomes the majority caucus
28 anytime during the legislative biennium, the operation of the
29 senate shall transfer to the newly designated members after the
30 leadership of the new majority caucus is determined.

31 2. All necessary expenses of the senate incurred during the
32 session shall be signed for by the secretary and approved by a
33 majority of the committee on facilities and operations. The
34 committee on facilities and operations shall carefully consider
35 all items of expenditure ordered or contracted on the part of
36 the senate, and report upon the same prior to the voucher being

1 signed by the secretary of the senate authorizing the payment
2 thereof. The committee on facilities and operations shall issue
3 postage only as follows:

4 (a) To elected or appointed members of the senate in an
5 amount sufficient to allow performance of their legislative
6 duties.

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

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

11 4. The facilities and operations committee may determine the
12 rules by which an individual senator may vote on the floor using
13 a remote access program established by the secretary of the
14 senate. A maximum of six members, three from each caucus, are
15 permitted to vote remotely under this rule during any single day
16 of floor action in the event of illness or emergency. The leader
17 of each caucus may approve up to three members from his or her
18 respective caucus and must give notice to the secretary of the
19 senate of which members are authorized to participate remotely
20 at least two hours prior to the convening of the floor action.
21 Members authorized to participate remotely under this rule may
22 participate in debate according to the provisions of Senate Rule
23 29 but may not make motions or points of order during floor
24 action. The remote access program must meet the requirements of
25 Senate Rule 70.

26 **Use of Senate Chambers**

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

31 **Admission to the Senate**

32 **Rule 10.** The sergeant at arms shall admit only the following
33 individuals to the floor and adjacent areas of the senate for
34 the period of time beginning one-half hour before convening and

1 ending when the senate has adjourned or recessed for an hour or
2 more:

3 The governor and/or designees,
4 Members of the house of representatives,
5 State elected officials,
6 Officers and authorized employees of the legislature,
7 Honored guests being presented to the senate,
8 Former members of the senate who are not registered
9 lobbyists pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW,
10 Representatives of the press,
11 Persons specifically requested by a senator to the president
12 in writing or only as long as accompanied by a senator.

13 **Printing of Bills**

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

17 **Furnishing Full File of Bills**

18 **Rule 12.** Persons, firms, corporations and organizations
19 within the state, desirous of receiving copies of all printed
20 senate bills, shall make application therefor to the secretary
21 of the senate. The bill clerk shall send copies of all printed
22 senate bills to such persons, firms, corporations and
23 organizations as may be ordered by the secretary of the senate.
24 The secretary of the senate is authorized to recoup costs.

25 **Regulation of Lobbyists**

26 **Rule 13.** All persons who engage in lobbying of any kind as
27 defined in chapter 42.17 RCW are subject to the senate's policy
28 on appropriate workplace conduct. Conduct that constitutes
29 prohibited conduct under the policy may result in restrictions,
30 including, but not limited to, prohibitions on unaccompanied
31 movement within the senate.

32 Any person registered as a lobbyist pursuant to chapter
33 42.17 RCW who intervenes in or attempts to influence any
34 personnel decision of the senate regarding any employee may
35 suffer an immediate revocation of all privileges before the

1 senate or such other privileges and for such time as may be
2 deemed appropriate by the senate committee on rules. This
3 restriction shall not prohibit a registered lobbyist from making
4 written recommendations for staff positions.

5 **Security Management**

6 **Rule 14.** The sergeant at arms shall develop security
7 procedures to protect the senate, including its members, staff,
8 and the visiting public.

9 **SECTION III**

10 **RULES AND ORDER**

11 **Time of Convening**

12 **Rule 15.** The senate shall convene at 10:00 a.m. each working
13 day, unless adjourned to a different hour. The senate shall
14 adjourn not later than 10:00 p.m. of each working day. The
15 senate shall recess ninety minutes for lunch each working day.
16 When reconvening on the same day the senate shall recess ninety
17 minutes for dinner each working evening. This rule may be
18 suspended by a majority.

19 **Quorum**

20 **Rule 16.** A majority of all members elected or appointed to
21 the senate shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do
22 business. Less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day until a
23 quorum can be had. (See Art. 2, Sec. 8, State Constitution.)

24 **Order of Business**

25 **Rule 17.** After the roll is called and journal read and
26 approved, business shall be disposed of in the following order:

- 27 FIRST. Reports of (~~standing~~) committees (~~and standing subcommittees~~).
- 28 SECOND. (~~Reports of select committees~~) Motions for reconsideration.
- 29 THIRD. Messages from the governor and other state officers.
- 30 FOURTH. Messages from the house of representatives and concurrence and dispute motions.
- 31 FIFTH. Introduction, first reading and reference of bills, joint memorials, joint resolutions and concurrent
32 resolutions.
- 33 SIXTH. Second reading of bills.
- 34 SEVENTH. Third reading of bills.

1 EIGHTH. Presentation of petitions, memorials and floor resolutions.

2 NINTH. Presentation of motions.

3 The order of business established by this rule may be
4 changed and any order of business already dealt with may be
5 reverted or advanced to by a majority vote of those present.

6 All questions relating to the priority of business shall be
7 decided without debate.

8 Messages from the governor, other state officers, and from
9 the house of representatives may be considered at any time with
10 the consent of the senate.

11 **Special Order**

12 **Rule 18.** The president shall call the senate to order at the
13 hour fixed for the consideration of a special order, and
14 announce that the special order is before the senate, which
15 shall then be considered unless it is postponed by a majority
16 vote of the members present, and any business before the senate
17 at the time of the announcement of the special order shall take
18 its regular position in the order of business, except that if a
19 cutoff established by concurrent resolution occurs during the
20 special order, the senate may complete the measure that was
21 before the senate when consideration of the special order was
22 commenced.

23 **Unfinished Business**

24 **Rule 19.** The unfinished business at the preceding
25 adjournment shall have preference over all other matters,
26 excepting special orders, and no motion or any other business
27 shall be received without special leave of the senate until the
28 former is disposed of.

29 **Motions and Senate Floor Resolutions**

30 **(How Presented)**

31 **Rule 20.** 1. No motion shall be entertained or debated until
32 announced by the president and every motion shall be deemed to
33 have been seconded. It shall be reduced to writing and read by
34 the secretary, if desired by the president or any senator,

1 before it shall be debated, and by the consent of the senate may
2 be withdrawn before amendment or action.

3 2. The senate shall consider no more than one floor
4 resolution per day in session: Provided, That this rule shall
5 not apply to floor resolutions essential to the operation of the
6 senate; and further Provided, That there shall be no limit on
7 the number of floor resolutions considered on senate pro forma
8 session days. Senate floor resolutions shall be acted upon in
9 the same manner as motions. All senate floor resolutions shall
10 be on the secretary's desk at least twenty-four hours prior to
11 consideration. Members' names shall be added to the resolution
12 only if the member signs the resolution, except by unanimous
13 consent of the senate. Members shall have until thirty minutes
14 after the senate is convened the following day the senate is in
15 a regular or pro forma session to add or remove their names to
16 the floor resolution. A motion may be made to close the period
17 for signatures at an earlier time. If the senate is operating in
18 a remote format under the authority of Senate Rule 70, an
19 electronic or scanned signature is authorized in place of a
20 physical signature.

21 **Precedence of Motions**

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

24 PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

25 Adjourn, recess, or go at ease

26 Reconsider

27 Demand for call of the senate

28 Demand for roll call

29 Demand for division

30 Question of privilege

31 Orders of the day

32 INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

33 Points of order and appeal

34 Method of consideration

35 Suspend the rules

1 Reading papers
2 Withdraw a motion
3 Division of a question

4 SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

- 5 1st Rank: To lay on the table
- 6 2nd Rank: For the previous question
- 7 3rd Rank: To postpone to a day certain
- 8 To commit or recommit
- 9 To postpone indefinitely
- 10 4th Rank: To amend

11 No motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to
12 postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed on
13 the same day and at the same stage of the proceedings, and when
14 a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not again be
15 introduced during the session.

16 A motion to lay an amendment on the table shall not carry
17 the main question with it unless so specified in the motion to
18 table.

19 At no time shall the senate entertain a Question of
20 Consideration.

21 **Voting**

22 **Rule 22.** 1. In all cases of election by the senate, the
23 votes shall be taken by yeas and nays, and no senator or other
24 person shall remain by the secretary's desk while the roll is
25 being called or the votes are being counted. No senator shall be
26 allowed to vote except when within the bar of the senate, or
27 upon any question upon which he or she is in any way personally
28 or directly interested, nor be allowed to explain a vote or
29 discuss the question while the yeas and nays are being called,
30 nor change a vote after the result has been announced. A member
31 of the senate voting remotely is considered in attendance within
32 the bar of the senate if the member is participating in the
33 session through a remote access program established by the

1 secretary of the senate as provided in Senate Rule 70. (See also
2 Art. 2, Secs. 27 and 30, State Constitution.)

3 2. A member not voting by reason of personal or direct
4 interest, or by reason of an excused absence, or a member having
5 inadvertently voted contrary to the member's intent, may explain
6 the reason for not voting or the member's intended vote by a
7 brief statement not to exceed fifty words in the journal.

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

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

17 4. A senator having been absent during roll call may ask to
18 have his or her name called. Such a request must be made before
19 the result of the roll call has been announced by the president.
20 If, during a roll call vote, the vote of a member participating
21 remotely is unable to be taken due to connectivity issues, the
22 member shall be automatically excused. The member may request in
23 writing that their vote be reflected in the senate journal,
24 though it will not count towards the final roll call.

25 5. The passage of a bill or action on a question is lost by
26 a tie vote, but when a vote of the senate is equally divided,
27 the lieutenant governor, when presiding, shall have the deciding
28 vote on questions as provided for in the state Constitution.
29 (See also Art. 2, Secs. 10 and 22, State Constitution.)

30 6. The order of the names on the roll call shall be
31 alphabetical by last name.

32 7. All votes in a committee (~~(or subcommittee)~~) shall be
33 recorded, and the record shall be preserved as prescribed by the
34 secretary of the senate. One-sixth of the committee may demand
35 an oral roll call.

1 at least one senator granting permission for the distribution.
2 This shall not apply to materials normally distributed by the
3 secretary of the senate or the majority or minority caucuses.

4 **Comparing Enrolled and Engrossed Bills**

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

8 **SECTION IV**

9 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

10 **Rules of Debate**

11 **Rule 29.** When any senator is about to speak in debate, or
12 submit any matter to the senate, the senator shall rise, and
13 standing in place, respectfully request recognition by the
14 President, and when recognized shall, in a courteous manner,
15 speak to the question under debate, avoiding personalities;
16 provided that a senator may refer to another member using the
17 title "Senator" and the surname of the other member. With
18 respect to any senators participating remotely under the
19 authority of Senate Rule 8, each caucus shall designate a single
20 member who is charged with seeking recognition on behalf of a
21 senator from that caucus who is participating remotely and
22 wishes to speak. Any senator participating remotely who wishes
23 to speak in debate or submit any matter permitted by Senate Rule
24 8 to the senate, shall notify the designated member of the
25 senator's desire to speak. The designated member shall seek
26 recognition under the provisions of this section on behalf of
27 the senator participating remotely and, upon recognition, the
28 designated member shall defer to the senator participating
29 remotely. No senator shall impeach the motives of any other
30 member or speak more than twice (except for explanation) during
31 the consideration of any one question, on the same day or a
32 second time without leave, when others who have not spoken
33 desire the floor, but incidental and subsidiary questions
34 arising during the debate shall not be considered the same
35 question. A majority of the members present may further limit
36 the number of times a member may speak on any question and may

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

7 **Recognition by the President**

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

13 **Call for Division of a Question**

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

19 **Point of Order - Decision Appealable**

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

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

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

31 **Question of Privilege**

32 **Rule 33.** Any senator may rise to a question of privilege and
33 explain a personal matter by leave of the president, but shall
34 not discuss any pending question in such explanations, nor shall

1 any question of personal privilege permit any senator to
2 introduce any person or persons in the galleries. The president
3 upon notice received may acknowledge the presence of any
4 distinguished person or persons.

5 A question of privilege shall involve only subject matter
6 which affects the particular senator personally and in a manner
7 unique and peculiar to that senator.

8 **Protests**

9 **Rule 34.** Any senator or senators may protest against the
10 action of the senate upon any question. Such protest may be
11 entered upon the journal if it does not exceed 200 words. The
12 senator protesting shall file the protest with the secretary of
13 the senate within 48 hours following the action protested.

14 **Adoption and Suspension of Rules**

15 **Rule 35.** 1. The permanent senate rules adopted at the first
16 regular session during a legislative biennium shall govern any
17 session subsequently convened during the same legislative
18 biennium. Adoption of permanent rules may be by majority of the
19 senate without notice and a majority of the senate may change a
20 permanent rule without notice at the beginning of any session,
21 as determined pursuant to Article 2, Section 12 of the State
22 Constitution. No permanent rule or order of the senate shall be
23 rescinded or changed without a majority vote of the members of
24 the senate, and one day's notice of the motion.

25 2. A permanent rule or order may be temporarily suspended
26 for a special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members
27 present unless otherwise specified herein. When the suspension
28 of a rule is called, and after due notice from the president no
29 objection is offered, the president may announce the rule
30 suspended, and the senate may proceed accordingly. Motion for
31 suspension of the rules shall not be debatable, except, the
32 mover of the motion may briefly explain the purpose of the
33 motion and at the discretion of the president a rebuttal may be
34 allowed.

1 next day of sitting a motion to reconsider shall only be in
2 order on the same day upon which notice of reconsideration is
3 given and may be made at any time that day. Motions to
4 reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be
5 made and decided at once.

6 **Motion to Adjourn**

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

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

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

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

20 **Reed's Parliamentary Rules**

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

26 **SECTION V**

27 **COMMITTEES**

28 **Committees - Appointment and Confirmation**

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

34 In the event the senate shall refuse to confirm any
35 conference, special, joint or standing committee (~~or standing~~

1 ~~subcommittee)),~~ such committee (~~or standing subcommittee~~)
2 shall be elected by the senate.

3 The following standing committees shall constitute the
4 standing committees of the senate:

5	Standing Committee	Total Membership
6	1. Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks. . .	((7)) 9
7	2. Business, Financial Services, <u>Gaming</u> & Trade. . .	((7)) 9
8	3. Early Learning & K-12 Education.	9
9	4. Environment, Energy((7)) & Technology.	((13)) 8
10	5. Health & Long-Term Care.	((12)) 10
11	6. Higher Education & Workforce Development.	5
12	7. Housing ((& Local Government)).	11
13	8. Human Services((7 Reentry & Rehabilitation)).	7
14	9. Labor((7)) & Commerce ((& Tribal Affairs)).	9
15	10. Law & Justice.	((9)) 11
16	11. <u>Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs</u>	5
17	<u>12. Rules</u>	16 (plus the Lieutenant Governor)
18	((12.)) <u>13. State Government & Elections</u>	((5)) 7
19	((13.)) <u>14. Transportation</u>	17
20	((14.)) <u>15. Ways & Means</u>	24

21 (~~The following constitutes a standing subcommittee of the~~
22 ~~senate:~~

23 1. ~~Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long-Term Care~~
24 5))

25 **Subcommittees**

26 **Rule 42.** (~~1. A standing subcommittee has authority to hold~~
27 ~~work sessions and public hearings and take executive action on~~
28 ~~measures referred to it by the relevant standing committee. The~~
29 ~~committee requirements in Senate Rules 44 through 49 apply~~
30 ~~equally to standing subcommittees created under Senate Rule 41.~~

31 2. ~~In addition to standing subcommittees created under~~
32 ~~Senate Rule 41, committee))~~ Committee chairs may create
33 subcommittees of the standing committee and designate
34 subcommittee chairs thereof to study subjects within the
35 jurisdiction of the standing committee. These subcommittees do
36 not have executive action authority (~~and are not considered~~

1 ~~standing subcommittees for purposes of senate rules~~). The
2 committee chair shall approve the use of committee staff and
3 equipment assigned to the subcommittee. Subcommittee activities
4 shall further be subject to facilities and operations committee
5 approval to the same extent as are the actions of the standing
6 committee from which they derive their authority.

7 **Subpoena Power**

8 **Rule 43.** Any (~~of the above referenced committees, including~~
9 ~~subcommittees thereof~~) standing committee, or any special
10 (~~committees~~) committee created by the senate, may have the
11 powers of subpoena, the power to administer oaths, and the power
12 to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses in
13 accordance with the provisions of chapter 44.16 RCW. The
14 committee chair shall file with the committee on rules, prior to
15 issuance of any process, a statement of purpose setting forth
16 the name or names of those subject to process. The rules
17 committee shall consider every proposed issuance of process at a
18 meeting of the rules committee immediately following the filing
19 of the statement with the committee. The process shall not be
20 issued prior to consideration by the rules committee. The
21 process shall be limited to the named individuals and the
22 committee on rules may overrule the service on an individual so
23 named.

24 **Duties of Committees**

25 **Rule 44.** The several committees shall fully consider
26 measures referred to them.

27 The committees shall acquaint themselves with the interest
28 of the state specially represented by the committee, and from
29 time to time present such bills and reports as in their judgment
30 will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people
31 of the state: PROVIDED, That no executive action on bills may be
32 taken during an interim.

33 **Committee Rules**

34 **Rule 45.** 1. At least five days' notice shall be given of all
35 public hearings held by any committee other than the rules

1 committee. Such notice shall contain the date, time and place of
2 such hearing together with the title and number of each bill, or
3 identification of the subject matter, to be considered at such
4 hearing. By a majority vote of the committee members present at
5 any committee meeting such notice may be dispensed with. The
6 reason for such action shall be set forth in a written statement
7 preserved in the records of the meeting.

8 2. No committee may hold a public hearing during a regular
9 or extraordinary session on a proposal identified as a draft
10 unless the draft has been made available to the public at least
11 twenty-four hours prior to the hearing. This rule does not apply
12 during the five days prior to any cutoff established by
13 concurrent resolution nor does it apply to any measure exempted
14 from the resolution.

15 3. During its consideration of or vote on any bill,
16 resolution or memorial, the deliberations of any committee or
17 subcommittee of the senate shall be open to the public. In case
18 of any disturbance or disorderly conduct at any such
19 deliberations, the chair shall order the sergeant at arms to
20 suppress the same and may order the meeting closed to any person
21 or persons creating such disturbance.

22 4. No committee shall amend a measure, adopt a substitute
23 bill, or vote upon any measure or appointment absent a quorum. A
24 committee may conduct a hearing absent a quorum. A majority of
25 any committee shall constitute a quorum and committees shall be
26 considered to have a quorum present unless the question is
27 raised. Any question as to quorum not raised at the time of the
28 committee action is deemed waived.

29 5. Bills reported to the senate from a standing committee
30 must have a majority report, which shall be prepared upon a
31 printed standing committee report form; shall be adopted at a
32 regularly or specially called meeting during a legislative
33 session and shall be signed by a majority of the committee; and
34 shall carry only one of the following recommendations:

- 35 a. Do pass;
- 36 b. Do pass as amended;

1 c. That a substitute bill be substituted therefor, and the
2 substitute bill do pass; or

3 d. Without recommendation.

4 In addition to one of the above-listed recommendations, a
5 report may also recommend that a bill be referred to another
6 committee.

7 6. A majority report of a committee must carry the
8 signatures of a majority of the members of the committee. In the
9 event a committee has a quorum pursuant to subsection 4 of this
10 rule, (~~subject to the limitation of subsection 12 of this~~
11 ~~rule,~~) a majority of the members present may act on a measure,
12 subject to obtaining the signatures of a majority of the members
13 of the committee on the majority report. If, after executive
14 action on a measure, the signatures of all members are not
15 included on either a majority or minority report, the committee
16 shall hold the signature sheets for the measure for 24 hours,
17 not counting Saturdays or Sundays, from adjournment of the
18 committee hearing at which executive action was taken on the
19 measure. This 24-hour hold period applies even if a majority of
20 the members of the committee has signed the majority report.
21 After the 24-hour hold period, the signature sheets must be
22 submitted to the workroom if there is a majority of signatures
23 on the majority report. Once signature sheets have been
24 submitted to the senate workroom by committee staff, a member
25 may not sign or remove his or her signature from a majority or
26 minority signature sheet. If a majority of members of the
27 committee have not signed the majority report, the measure or
28 appointment remains in the possession of the committee. The 24-
29 hour hold period does not apply within the five days preceding
30 any cutoff date and does not apply to a biennial or supplemental
31 omnibus operating budget, omnibus capital budget, or omnibus
32 transportation budget.

33 7. Any measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment
34 still within a committee's possession before it has been
35 reported out to the full senate may be reconsidered to correct
36 an error, change language, or otherwise accurately reflect the
37 will of the committee in its majority and minority reports to

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

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

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

32 A motion for the substitution of the substitute bill for the
33 original bill shall not be in order until the committee on rules
34 places the original bill on the second reading calendar.

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

4 11. All reports of standing committees must be on the
5 secretary's desk one hour prior to convening of the session in
6 order to be read at said session. During any special session of
7 the legislature or within the three days ((of)) preceding any
8 cut-off date or sine die, this rule may be suspended by a
9 majority vote of those present. This rule does not apply to
10 reports of biennial or supplemental omnibus operating budget,
11 omnibus capital budget, or omnibus transportation budget bill.

12 ~~12. ((When a standing committee is operated by cochair, the~~
13 ~~committee may not vote upon any measure or appointment without~~
14 ~~the consent of each cochair.~~

15 ~~13. When a standing committee has a standing subcommittee~~
16 ~~established under Senate Rule 41, the chair of the committee may~~
17 ~~rerefer any measures referred to the committee to the standing~~
18 ~~subcommittee with the consent of the ranking member of the~~
19 ~~committee or, in the event of a dispute between the chair and~~
20 ~~ranking member, referral may occur with a majority vote of the~~
21 ~~committee)) For purposes of this rule, a committee is deemed to
22 have reported a measure, appointment, substitute bill, or
23 amendment out when it has delivered its majority and minority
24 reports to the senate workroom. After such delivery, the
25 committee no longer has possession of the measure, appointment,
26 substitute bill, or amendment and no further committee action,
27 including reconsideration or a member adding or removing his or
28 her signature to a majority or minority report, may be taken.~~

29 13. All committees will rely upon and use the Electronic
30 Bill Book. Committee staff should add all materials relating to
31 hearings, work sessions, or executive sessions to the Electronic
32 Bill Book as early as possible or when the material has been
33 made public. Paper copies will not be provided to members. All
34 materials submitted by the public shall be submitted
35 electronically.

1 14. All committees will use the online Committee Sign-In
2 system. All committee members will be able to view the list of
3 individuals who have signed in to testify on each measure or
4 appointment. Members of the public wishing to testify in-person
5 or remotely may sign up remotely no later than one hour before
6 the committee is scheduled to meet.

7 15. With the exception of the ways and means and
8 transportation committees, the chairs of standing committees
9 must publish the list of measures and appointments that may be
10 considered for executive session by 4:00 p.m. two days preceding
11 executive session. The chairs of the ways and means committee
12 and the transportation committee must publish the list of
13 measures and appointments that may be considered for executive
14 session by 7:00 p.m. two days preceding executive session. A
15 chair, with the consent of the ranking member, has discretion to
16 waive this deadline in extraordinary circumstances. A published
17 measure or appointment may be rescheduled for executive action
18 at the committee's next meeting without additional notice,
19 provided no additional amendments are considered.

20 16. Members must have amendment requests to nonpartisan
21 committee staff by 12:00 p.m. the day before scheduled executive
22 action. A chair, with the consent of the ranking member, has
23 discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary circumstances
24 or to accept technical revisions to perfect an amendment.
25 Members should be considerate of staff and turn in amendment
26 requests earlier if they are long or complex, keeping in mind
27 the final deadline for consideration of amendments.

28 17. All amendments, including substitutes, must be sponsored
29 by a committee member. All amendments and effect statements must
30 be either drafted or reviewed, or both, by nonpartisan committee
31 staff. To be eligible for consideration at an executive session
32 in a committee meeting scheduled to begin prior to 12:00 p.m.,
33 amendments must be released from confidentiality and posted to
34 the Electronic Bill Book for committee members and the public by
35 4:00 p.m. the day before the executive session or the amendments
36 will be considered out of order. To be eligible for

1 consideration at an executive session in a committee meeting
2 scheduled to begin on or after 12:00 p.m., amendments must be
3 released from confidentiality and posted to the Electronic Bill
4 Book for committee members and the public by 7:00 p.m. the day
5 before the executive session or the amendments will be
6 considered out of order. A chair with the consent of the ranking
7 member has discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary
8 circumstances or to accept technical revisions to perfect an
9 amendment.

10 18. A committee chair may choose to allow other committee
11 members to participate remotely in committee meetings. The
12 committee chair shall notify the secretary of the senate prior
13 to the first day of the legislative session if the chair will
14 allow committee members to participate remotely. A chair that
15 initially chooses to allow only in-person participation may
16 later choose to allow remote participation but must provide the
17 secretary of the senate with notice of the change at least 24
18 hours prior to the committee hearing in which the change will
19 become effective. Once a chair has chosen to allow members to
20 participate remotely, this choice cannot be changed during the
21 remainder of the session. If a chair allows committee members to
22 participate remotely, those members will be considered "present"
23 for the purposes of this rule and Senate Rule 49. A chair may
24 not participate remotely in a committee meeting. Members
25 participating remotely shall be allowed to participate in
26 committee activities to the same extent as those attending in
27 person.

28 **Committee Meetings During Sessions**

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

31 No committee shall sit during any scheduled caucus.

32 **Reading of Reports**

33 **Rule 47.** The majority report, and minority report, if there
34 be one, together with the names of the signers thereof, shall be
35 read by the secretary, unless the reading be dispensed with by

1 the senate, and all committee reports shall be spread upon the
2 journal.

3 **Recalling Bills from Committees**

4 **Rule 48.** Any standing committee (~~(or standing subcommittee)~~)
5 of the senate may be relieved of further consideration of any
6 bill, regardless of prior action of the committee, by a majority
7 vote of the senators elected or appointed. The senate may then
8 make such orderly disposition of the bill as they may direct by
9 a majority vote of the members of the senate.

10 **Bills Referred to Rules Committee**

11 **Rule 49.** All bills reported by a committee (~~(or~~
12 ~~subcommittee)~~) to the senate shall then be referred to the
13 committee on rules for second reading without action on the
14 report unless otherwise ordered by the senate. (See also Senate
15 Rules 63 and 64.) A bill may not be referred to the committee on
16 rules for second reading unless a standing committee (~~(or~~
17 ~~subcommittee)~~) has held a public hearing on the bill. (~~(By a~~
18 ~~majority vote of the committee members present at any executive~~
19 ~~session, the public hearing requirement may be dispensed with)~~)
20 This rule does not apply when the committee is considering a
21 bill whose official companion has already been heard. By a
22 majority vote of the committee members present at any executive
23 session, the public hearing requirement may be dispensed with
24 when the committee is considering a biennial or supplemental
25 omnibus operating budget, omnibus capital budget, or omnibus
26 transportation budget bill and the committee has already had a
27 hearing on a substantially similar omnibus budget bill.

28 **Rules Committee**

29 **Rule 50.** The lieutenant governor shall be a voting member
30 and the chair of the committee on rules. The president pro
31 tempore shall be a voting member and the vice chair of the
32 committee on rules. The committee on rules shall have charge of
33 the daily second and third reading calendar of the senate and
34 shall direct the secretary of the senate the order in which the
35 bills shall (~~(be considered by the senate)~~) appear on the
36 calendars and the committee on rules shall have the authority to

1 directly refer any bill before them to any other standing
2 committee. Such referral shall be reported out to the senate on
3 the next day's business.

4 The order of consideration of bills on the second or third
5 reading calendar will be set by the floor leader of the majority
6 caucus. A majority of members present may vote to change the
7 order.

8 The calendar, except in emergent situations, as determined
9 by the committee on rules, shall be (~~on the desks and in the~~
10 ~~offices of the~~) available electronically to senators each day
11 and shall cover the bills for consideration on the next
12 following day.

13 **Employment Committee**

14 **Rule 51.** The employment committee for committee staff shall
15 consist of six members, three from the majority party and three
16 from the minority party. The chair shall be appointed by the
17 majority leader. All decisions shall be determined by majority
18 vote. The committee shall operate within staffing, budget levels
19 and guidelines as authorized and adopted by the facilities and
20 operations committee.

21 **Committee of the Whole**

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

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

27 **Appropriation Budget Bills**

28 **Rule 53.** No biennial or supplemental omnibus operating
29 budget, omnibus capital budget, or omnibus transportation budget
30 bill may be acted upon in second reading until twenty-four hours
31 after the bill has been placed on the second reading calendar by
32 the rules committee. This rule does not apply to conference
33 committee reports of biennial or supplemental omnibus budget
34 bills, which are governed by joint rules. This rule may be
35 suspended with a majority vote of those present within three

1 days of sine die. The rules committee shall establish by
2 separate motion the time at which a bill has been placed on the
3 second reading calendar for purposes of this rule.

4 **SECTION VI**

5 **BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

6 **Definitions**

7 **Rule 54.** "Measure" means a bill, joint memorial, joint
8 resolution, or concurrent resolution.

9 "Bill" when used alone means bill, joint memorial, joint
10 resolution, or concurrent resolution.

11 "Majority" shall mean a majority of those members present
12 unless otherwise stated.

13 **Prefiling**

14 **Rule 55.** Holdover members and members-elect to the senate
15 may prefile bills with the secretary of the senate on any day
16 commencing with the first Monday in December preceding any
17 session year; or twenty days prior to any special session of the
18 legislature. Such bills will be printed, distributed and
19 prepared for introduction on the first legislative day. No bill,
20 joint memorial or joint resolution shall be prefiled by title
21 and/or preamble only. (See also Senate Rule 3, Sub. 3.)

22 **Introduction of Bills**

23 **Rule 56.** 1. All bills, joint resolutions, and joint
24 memorials introduced shall be endorsed with a statement of the
25 title and the name of the member introducing the same. Any
26 member desiring to introduce a bill, joint resolution, or joint
27 memorial shall file the same with the secretary of the senate by
28 noon of the day before the convening of the session at which
29 said bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial is to be
30 introduced. Sponsor sheets shall be available in both physical
31 and electronic formats. A member may introduce a bill
32 electronically by emailing the bill to the office of the code
33 reviser. Only bills that have been emailed by a member or the
34 member's legislative assistant may be considered for electronic
35 introduction.

1 2. For bills introduced electronically, the sponsoring
2 member may designate one cosponsor of the bill by providing the
3 cosponsor's name in the email and by including the cosponsor's
4 name in the cc line of the email. Additional members may add
5 themselves as cosponsors to the bill by emailing the senate
6 workroom by 5:00 p.m. of the day of its introduction. Agency and
7 governor request legislation may follow this process and the
8 sponsoring member or member's legislative assistant must email
9 such legislation to the office of the code reviser.

10 3. Provided that a vote has not been taken on final passage
11 of a bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial, a member may add
12 his or her name as a cosponsor until ((2:00)) 5:00 p.m. of the
13 day of its introduction. For any bill, joint resolution, or
14 joint memorial that has been prefiled for a regular session, a
15 member has until ((2:00)) 5:00 p.m. of the day following
16 introduction to add his or her name as a cosponsor.

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

26 5. The introduction of title-only bills is prohibited. For
27 the purposes of this subsection, a title-only bill is a bill
28 containing a title or short summary of the intended subject
29 matter, without laying forth the full changes intended to any
30 act or sections of law.

31 **Amendatory Bills**

32 **Rule 57.** Bills introduced in the senate intended to amend
33 existing statutes shall have the words which are amendatory to
34 such existing statutes underlined. Any matter to be deleted from
35 the existing statutes shall be indicated by setting such matter
36 forth in full, enclosed by double parentheses, and such deleted

1 matter shall be lined out with hyphens. No bill shall be printed
2 or acted upon until the provisions of this rule shall have been
3 complied with.

4 Sections added by amendatory bill to an existing act, or
5 chapter of the official code, need not be underlined but shall
6 be designated "NEW SECTION" in upper case type and such
7 designation shall be underlined. New enactments need not be
8 underlined.

9 When statutes are being repealed, the Revised Code of
10 Washington section number to be repealed, the section caption
11 and the session law history, from the most current to the
12 original, shall be cited.

13 **Joint Resolutions and Memorials**

14 **Rule 58.** Joint resolutions and joint memorials, up to the
15 signing thereof by the president of the senate, shall be subject
16 to the rules governing the course of bills.

17 **Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

18 **Rule 59.** Concurrent resolutions shall be subject to the
19 rules governing the course of bills and may be adopted without a
20 roll call. Concurrent resolutions authorizing investigations and
21 authorizing the expenditure or allocation of any money must be
22 adopted by roll call and the yeas and nays recorded in the
23 journal. Concurrent resolutions are subject to final passage on
24 the day of the first reading without regard to Senate Rules 62,
25 63, and 64.

26 **Committee Bills**

27 **Rule 60.** Committee bills introduced by a standing committee
28 during a legislative session may be filed with the secretary of
29 the senate and introduced, and the signature of each member of
30 the committee shall be endorsed upon the cover of the original
31 bill.

32 Committee bills shall be read the first time by title,
33 ordered printed, and referred to the committee on rules for
34 second reading.

1 **Committee Reference**

2 **Rule 61.** When a motion is made to refer a subject, and
3 different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken
4 in the following order:

5 FIRST: A standing committee.

6 SECOND: A select committee.

7 **Reading of Bills**

8 **Rule 62.** Every bill shall be read on three separate days
9 unless the senate deems it expedient to suspend this rule. On
10 and after the tenth day preceding adjournment sine die of any
11 session, or three days prior to any cut-off date for
12 consideration of bills, as determined pursuant to Article 2,
13 Section 12 of the Constitution or concurrent resolution, or
14 during any special session of the legislature, this rule may be
15 suspended by a majority vote. (See also Senate Rules 59 and 64).

16 **First Reading**

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

20 After the first reading, bills shall be referred to an
21 appropriate committee pursuant to Senate Rule 61. Draft bill
22 referrals will be electronically published by 7:00 p.m. the
23 evening before the session in which the referrals will be
24 considered. All objections or requests for rereferral must be
25 communicated in an email by a member to the majority floor
26 leader by 9:00 a.m. the day of convening.

27 Upon being reported back by committee, pursuant to Senate
28 Rule 49, all bills shall be referred to the committee on rules
29 for second reading, unless otherwise ordered by the senate.

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

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

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

5 **Second Reading/Amendments**

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

8 Any member may, if sustained by three members, remove a bill
9 from the consent calendar as constituted by the committee on
10 rules. A bill removed from the consent calendar shall take its
11 place as the last bill on the second reading calendar.

12 No amendment shall be considered by the senate until it
13 shall have been sent to the secretary's desk in writing and read
14 by the secretary.

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

17 All amendments rejected by the senate shall be spread upon
18 the journal, and the journal shall show the disposition of all
19 amendments.

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

23 **Third Reading**

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

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

29 The vote must be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the
30 senators voting for and against the same to be entered upon the
31 journal and the majority of the members elected to the senate
32 must be recorded thereon as voting in its favor to secure its
33 passage by the senate.

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

2 **Rule 66.** No amendment to any bill shall be allowed which
3 shall change the scope and object of the bill. (See also Art. 2,
4 Sec. 38, State Constitution.) Substitute bills shall be
5 considered amendments for the purposes of this rule. A point of
6 order raising the question of scope and object may be raised at
7 any time during consideration of an amendment prior to voting on
8 the amendment. (~~A proposed amendment to an unamended title-only
9 bill shall be within the scope and object of the bill if the
10 subject of the amendment fits within the language in the
11 title.~~)

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

13 **Rule 67.** When there is a disagreement between the senate and
14 house on a measure before the senate, the senate may act upon
15 the measure with the following motions which have priority in
16 the following order:

17 To concur

18 To non-concur

19 To recede

20 To insist

21 To adhere

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

24 A senate bill, passed by the house with amendment or
25 amendments which shall change the scope and object of the bill,
26 upon being received in the senate, shall be referred to an
27 appropriate committee and shall take the same course as for
28 original bills, unless a motion to ask the house to recede, to
29 insist or to adhere is made prior to the measure being referred
30 to committee.

31 **Bills Committed for Special Amendment**

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

34 **Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointees**

1 **Rule 69.** When the names of appointees to state offices are
2 transmitted to the secretary of the senate for senate
3 confirmation, the communication from the governor shall be
4 recorded and referred to the appropriate standing committee.

5 The standing committee, or subcommittee, pursuant to Senate
6 Rule 42, shall require each appointee referred to the committee
7 for consideration to complete the standard questionnaire to be
8 used to ascertain the appointee's general background and
9 qualifications. The committee may also require the appointee to
10 complete a supplemental questionnaire related specifically to
11 the qualifications for the position to which he has been
12 appointed.

13 Any hearing on a gubernatorial appointment, held by the
14 standing committee, or subcommittees, pursuant to Senate Rule
15 42, shall be a public hearing. The appointee may be required to
16 appear before the committee on request. When appearing, the
17 appointee shall be required to testify under oath or
18 affirmation. The chair of the committee or the presiding member
19 shall administer the oath or affirmation in accordance with RCW
20 44.16. (See also Article 2, Sec. 6 of the State Constitution.)

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

25 When the committee on rules presents the report of the
26 standing committee before the senate, the question shall be the
27 confirmation of the name proposed, and the roll shall then be
28 called and the yeas and nays entered upon the journal. In the
29 event a message is received from the governor requesting return
30 of an appointment or appointments to the office of the governor
31 prior to confirmation, the senate shall vote upon the governor's
32 request and the appointment or appointments shall be returned to
33 the governor if the request is approved by a majority of the
34 members elected or appointed. (Article 13 of the State
35 Constitution.)

36 **Emergency Resolution Authorized**

1 **Rule 70.** 1. If the Facilities and Operations Committee
2 determines through a majority vote that physically convening all
3 members and staff in a single location presents a danger to the
4 health or safety of the participants or is impractical because
5 of a publicly declared statewide emergency or catastrophic
6 incident under RCW 43.06.010, the senate shall adopt a
7 resolution establishing the rules and procedures governing any
8 special or regular legislative session.

9 2. For purposes of adopting the senate resolution required
10 by this rule, some or all members may vote using a remote access
11 program established by the Secretary of the Senate. The remote
12 access program must provide a mechanism approved by the
13 President of the Senate by which the President can verify a
14 member's remote presence. Members are considered in attendance
15 within the bar of the senate when using the remote access
16 program, including for purposes of establishing quorum. To the
17 extent practicable, a member participating remotely under this
18 rule has the same privileges, rights, and responsibilities under
19 the Senate Rules as if the member were physically present.

20 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8601,
23 adopted by the Senate
24 January 9, 2023

25 SARAH BANNISTER
26 Secretary of the Senate