

## **23. Expenditure of Legislative Council Funds.**

(a)(1) **Special Expenses.** Any expenditure of Legislative Council funds for special expenses by a committee or task force of the General Assembly shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the committee or task force wishing to expend the funds prior to expenditure of the funds.

(2)(A) For purposes of this rule, "special expenses" means any expenses incurred other than payment of mileage and per diem to members of the General Assembly for attendance at the meeting of the committee or task force, and includes without limitation witness fees, interpreter fees, and court reporter expenses.

(B) "Special expenses" does not include expenditure of funds in relation to the hiring of a consultant.

(3) Any committee or task force voting to incur special expenses shall provide monthly reports to the Policy-Making Subcommittee of the Legislative Council regarding authorization and payment of the special expenses.