

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

MEASURE: SCR 1
CARRIER: Rep. Merkley

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum
Nays: -
Exc.: Thatcher
Prepared By: Jim Stenbridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 1/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes schedule for the 2007 Legislative Assembly. Includes provision for a February 2008 Special Session, limited to consideration of the most pressing fiscal and policy issues.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work of the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature and its Process Committee
- Expectations of six-month legislative sessions and the length of recent sessions
- May sine die adjournment vs. June sine die adjournment
- Effectiveness of Oregon legislative committee work and legislative sessions
- Previous efforts to create annual sessions
- Financial aspects of responsible governance
- Public perceptions of the Oregon Legislative Assembly
- Measuring the success of SCR 1
- Constitutionality of the resolution

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: One of the recommendations of the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature (created by the 2005 Legislative Assembly) is for the Oregon's Legislative Assembly to restructure the timing of its session and practice meeting annually.

SCR 1 sets the following legislative schedule for 2007-2008 to begin accomplishing that recommendation:

- January 15-March 2, 2007: House and Senate hold floor sessions once or more weekly.
- January 29: Last day for legislators to request bills from Legislative Counsel.
- February 26: Last day for legislators to introduce bills.
- March 5: House and Senate begin daily floor sessions.
- April 30: Last day for House committees to work House bills and Senate committees to work Senate bills (does not apply to House Revenue; House Elections, Ethics and Rules; Senate Rules; Senate Finance and Revenue; or any joint committee).
- May 31: Last day for House and Senate committees to work bills (does not apply to Joint Ways and Means; House Revenue; House Elections, Ethics and Rules; Senate Finance and Revenue; or Senate Rules committees).
- June 29: 2007 session adjourns sine die.
- January 2008: House Speaker and Senate President petition legislators calling for a Special Session.
- February 4, 2008: First day of special session.
- February 29, 2008: Last day of special session.

As required by House Rule 8.20 (5), to extend any SRC 1 committee deadlines, 40 affirmative votes would be required.

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