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Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY, Representative MERKLEY (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas section 17, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution, provides that each house has all powers necessary for a branch of the Legislative Department, of a free and independent state; and

Whereas section 11, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution, provides that each house when assembled, shall determine its own rules of proceeding and sit upon its adjournments; and

Whereas section 10a, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution, authorizes the Legislative Assembly in the event of an emergency to convene a special session; and

Whereas chapter 680, Oregon Laws 2005, created the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature; and

Whereas the commission received testimony and reviewed documents concerning the frequency, length and timing of the legislative sessions; and

Whereas the commission found that the current structure of the legislative sessions does not provide sufficient predictability or certainty for the citizens of Oregon; and

Whereas the commission found that even-year sessions will improve the legislature's handling of complex policy issues and related fiscal matters; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Senate and the House of Representatives shall adhere to the following schedule and deadlines for the regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly:

(a) The Senate and House of Representatives shall convene in regular session on January 8, 2007.

(b) The Senate and the House of Representatives shall convene their respective floor sessions one day or more each week from January 15, 2007, through March 2, 2007.

(c) Members and committees shall submit requests for drafts of measures to the Office of the Legislative Counsel on or before January 29, 2007.

(d) Members and committees shall submit drafts of measures for introduction to the Senate and House Desks no later than February 26, 2007.

(e) The Senate and House of Representatives may convene daily floor sessions beginning on March 5, 2007.

(f) Committee chairpersons shall request fiscal and revenue impact statements for measures in the chamber of origin no later than April 20, 2007. This paragraph does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, other joint committees, Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules.

(g) Committees shall consider measures in the chamber of origin no later than April 30, 2007. This paragraph does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, other joint committees, Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules.

(h) Committee chairpersons shall request fiscal and revenue impact statements no later than May 23, 2007. This paragraph does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules.

(i) Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall close no later than May 31, 2007. This paragraph does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules.

(j) The Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly shall adjourn no later than June 29, 2007.

(2) The rules of the Senate and House of Representatives shall apply to matters not specified in this resolution. The rules of the Senate and House of Representatives may establish timelines for priority measures, for measures approved by the presiding officers or for appropriation and fiscal measures approved by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means that are different from the timelines established in subsection (1) of this resolution.

(3) Pursuant to the declarations made in the preamble of this resolution, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly declares that an emergency exists and will continue through February 2008, and the members agree as follows:

(a) In January 2008 the presiding officers shall provide notice to the Legislative Administrator of the intent to invoke ORS 171.015 (1) so as to ensure that special session shall convene on February 4, 2008.

(b) The Legislative Administrator shall follow the special session protocol set forth in ORS 171.015.

(c) Upon receipt of the notice described in ORS 171.015 (1), so as to convene the special session on February 4, 2008, the presiding officers shall invoke the provisions of section 10a, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution.

(d) Upon convening the 2008 special session, the presiding officers shall ensure that the 2008 special session adjourns sine die no later than February 29, 2008, and that the special session is limited to consideration of the most pressing fiscal and policy issues.

Adopted by Senate January 8, 2007

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House January 17, 2007

Speaker of House