

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

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

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes deadlines for completion of legislative measures and date of adjournment sine die of regular session of Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.

Establishes procedures for convening special session in February 2008.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

8       Whereas chapter 680, Oregon Laws 2005, created the Public Commission on the Oregon Legis-  
9 lature; and

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

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

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

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

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

19       (a) The Senate and House of Representatives shall convene in regular session on January 8,  
20 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House Committee on Elections,  
 2 Ethics and Rules.

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

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

11 (i) Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall close no later than May 31,  
 12 2007. This paragraph does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Senate Committee  
 13 on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, Senate Committee on Rules and House  
 14 Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules.

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

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

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

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

27 (b) The Legislative Administrator shall follow the special session protocol set forth in ORS  
 28 171.015.

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

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

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