

# Senate Joint Resolution 17

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## 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**.

Requires Legislative Administration Committee to establish and administer voluntary drug testing program for members of Legislative Assembly. Provides that participation in drug testing program is at discretion of member and is not requirement for service in Legislative Assembly. Requires committee to provide procedural safeguards and standards. Makes program available to employees of Legislative Assembly.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas illegal drug use and abuse has permeated our state and nation in epidemic proportions, crossing economic, religious, age and ethnic barriers; and

Whereas the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly took steps to make it more difficult to manufacture methamphetamine; and

Whereas further and more aggressive steps must be taken to address illegal drug use; and

Whereas, until this epidemic is reduced, the cost of state spending for human services, corrections and families will remain out of control; and

Whereas, as members of the Legislative Assembly, we are willing to set an example, as all officials and government leaders should, by participating in voluntary drug tests; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Legislative Administration Committee shall establish and administer by rule a program for voluntary drug testing of members of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The decision to participate in the voluntary drug testing program is at the discretion of the member and is not a requirement for service in the Legislative Assembly.

(3) The costs of drug testing shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for that purpose.

(4) The committee shall provide procedural safeguards to ensure the protection of constitutional rights of the participants and provide that the drug testing is done by a licensed clinical laboratory in this state.

(5) The committee shall set standards governing all aspects of the drug testing process.

(6) The committee shall make the voluntary drug testing program available to all employees of the Legislative Assembly.

(7) The Legislative Administrator shall prepare a written statistical report on the program and submit the report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year.

**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.