

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays: -
Exc.: Atkinson
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Meeting Dates: 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adjourns *sine die* the 2010 Special Session of the Seventh-fifth Oregon Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Conclusion of 2010 Special Session
- Issues addressed in 2010 Special Session

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Latin term *sine die* literally means “adjournment without a day” and the *sine die* resolution is used to connote the final adjournment of a legislative session, without adjourning to a specific time or date. The resolution, to be valid, must be adopted in the same form by both chambers. Because the blanks in the original version are ordinarily filled in with the date, effort has been made in previous sessions to amend the resolution during the last hours of the final day of session. The 2009 Legislative Assembly, by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 in January, resolved that the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly would adjourn no later than June 30, 2009.

Past practice has called for the chambers to alternate introducing the resolution. Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 (2008) ended the 2008 Special Legislative Session and House Concurrent Resolution 10 (2009) ended the 2009 session. By Oregon legislative tradition, at the time of *sine die*, the main doors of both chambers are opened so that the presiding officers may view each other, and the final adjournment gavels fall simultaneously.