

**75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2010 Special Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Rules**

****MINORITY REPORT****

**MEASURE: SJR 41 B
CARRIER: Rep. Hanna**

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Signers of the Report:	Rep Hanna and Rep. Garrard
Prepared By:	Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/19, 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require annual sessions of the Legislative Assembly. Provides that sessions beginning in odd-numbered year may not exceed 135 calendar days, and sessions beginning in even-numbered years may not exceed 45 calendar days. Allows legislative session to be extended by five days with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each chamber. Permits Legislative Assembly to hold a pre-session organizational session not subject to the limits on the number of calendar days permitted for a legislative session. Prohibits action on gubernatorial vetoes during pre-session organizational sessions. Limits action that may be taken by Legislative Assembly in even-numbered years to memorial and resolution adoption; actions in section of Constitution pertaining to legislative officers, rules of proceedings and adjournments; and passage of bills or adoption of resolutions proposing constitutional amendments that appropriate or allocate moneys or limit expenditures, or regulate taxation or exemption, or receive at least a two-thirds vote in favor of passage in each chamber. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at November 2010 General Election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits action that may be taken by Legislative Assembly in even-numbered years to memorial and resolution adoption, actions in section of Constitution pertaining to legislative officers, rules of proceedings and adjournments; and passage of bills or adoption of resolutions proposing constitutional amendments that appropriate or allocate moneys or limit expenditures; regulate taxation or exemption; or receive at least a two-thirds vote in favor of passage in each chamber.

BACKGROUND: Article IV, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution establishes that “the sessions of the Legislative Assembly shall be held biennially at the Capitol of the State commencing on the second Monday of September, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight, and on the same day of every second year thereafter, unless a different shall have been appointed by law.” ORS 171.010 establishes that “the sessions of the Legislative Assembly shall be held at the capital of the state and shall commence on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year.” Currently, 45 state legislatures meet annually. The remaining five states – Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Texas – hold session every other year. Of the states that meet for annual legislative sessions, 32 have established constitutional or statutory limits on the length of each annual session. In addition, seven states whose legislatures meet annually limit one year of a biennium to consideration of specific types of legislation.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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