

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays: Atkinson
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adjourns *sine die* 2012 regular session of Seventh-sixth Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Timing for conclusion of 2012 Legislative 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.

Past practice has called for the chambers to alternate introducing the resolution; Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 ended the 2011 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.