

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Starr
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	7/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adjourns *sine die* 2013 regular session of Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the resolution
- Traditions surrounding *sine die*

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.

Following the passage of Measure 71 in 2010, the Legislative Assembly now meets in annual sessions: a long-session in odd-numbered years and a short-session in even-numbered years. As a result of the change to annual sessions, the chambers initiated the practice, in 2011, of having the same chamber introduce the resolution for both the long and short session. Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 ended the 2011 regular session and Senate Concurrent Resolution 211 ended the 2012 regular 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 is gavelled simultaneously.