

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to modify maximum number of calendar days of regular sessions of Legislative Assembly. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at November 2016 General Election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: In November 2010, Oregonians approved Measure 71, which amended Article IV, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution to require the Legislative Assembly to meet in limited regular sessions in odd-numbered years and in even-numbered years. The odd-numbered legislative session may not exceed 160 days and the even-numbered session may not exceed 35 days. Upon agreement of two-thirds of the members of both the House and Senate, a legislative session maybe extended by five-days.

Senate Joint Resolution 6 would reduce the length of the odd-numbered year legislative to 150 calendar days and increase the length of the even-numbered session to 45 days. The resolution does not change total number of days that the legislature is allowed to meet each biennium.