

## **SJR 42 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/1

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution requiring each legislative measure be introduced at request of Senator or Representative and precludes legislative committees from introducing legislative measures. Refers measure to ballot at next general election.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Prior to introduction, legislative measures are typically referred to as legislative concepts or LC drafts. Filing deadlines for legislative concepts are specific to each legislative chamber and are established by statute and rules. Individual legislators and committees are permitted to request draft LCs and may file such measures prior to the commencement of a given legislative session for the purpose of introduction during session. Similarly, the Executive branch, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of Labor and the Judicial branch are authorized to have legislation drafted and filed in advance of session and outside of the committee process. Legislative measures may be sponsored by an individual legislator, multiple legislators or by a legislative committee. Additionally, an agency, group or individual may request that a legislative measure be drafted for introduction during legislative session (ORS 170.130). Each proposed legislative measure must include the name of any public agency, private organization or individual other than a member of the legislature who has made a formal request that the measure be introduced (ORS 171.127). During legislative session, each legislative measure introduced and considered by a committee must receive the approval of the majority of the committee members. Approximately 3,000 measures are introduced in the Oregon Legislature each session.