

**SCR 31 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Burdick

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 07/01/17  
**Action:** Be adopted.  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan  
**Exc:** 1 - Beyer  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Adjourns 2017 regular session of Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of resolution

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Latin term *sine die* means “adjournment without a day” and the *sine die* resolution is used to connote the final adjournment of a legislative session. 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 annually; 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 introducing a concurrent resolution, in conjunction with the *sine die* resolution, to establish limitations and timelines for the long and short 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 resolves that the 2017 regular session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly is adjourned *sine die*.