

HCR 41 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Williamson

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 07/06/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 6-0-3-0

Yeas: 6 - Barreto, Holvey, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 3 - Hack, Kennemer, McLane

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF 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 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.