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TO: House Interim Committee on Rules
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LC 121 – Directs the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to study laws related to housing.

LC 130 – Directs the Oregon Health Authority to study health care.

LC 131 – Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to study development of uniform standards to speed bump height and markings.

LC 132 – Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to report on procedures to develop the biennial state budget.

LC 133 – Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to report on options for revenue reform and make recommendations for legislation intended to reform the current tax system.

LC 134 – Requires the Secretary of State to study and recommend effective methods for improving candidate inclusion in the voters' pamphlet and the efficacy of the voters' pamphlet.

LC 213 – Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the town of Rhododendron.

LC 214 – Recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Dale Benjamin "Bennie" Courtney (1925-1950) for his service to this state.

LC 215 – Requires imitation United State census questionnaires or documents designed to imitate official public body documents distributed or circulated on or after the effective date to be clearly marked as not official. Establishes civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation. Adds similar requirements to imitation voters' pamphlets printed or circulated on or after the effective date. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

LC 216 – Removes exemption for sole proprietor and certain partners licensed as construction contractors from the requirement to have workers' compensation insurance. Clarifies for partnerships or joint ventures in which any partner or joint venture is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) that a license to perform work that is not work as a contractor is not a license to undertake or bid on work as a contractor. Permits CCB to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or reissue a contractor's license to a person who contracted with an unlicensed contractor to perform work or where the number of licensed contractors working on the same scope of work for the same project exceeds a certain number.

LC 218 – Requires the State Board of Forestry (Board) to obtain the concurrence of the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) before it adopts rules related to water quality standards established by the EQC or any limitations or controls adopted or ordered by the Department of Environmental Quality. Changes standards for Board adoption of certain rules establishing new or increased standards for forest practices.

LC 228 – Prohibits certain products that use or contain hydrofluorocarbons from commerce in Oregon if the product was manufactured after specified date. Permits the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules to conform the state building code to restrictions on products that use or contain hydrofluorocarbons. Permits state contracting agencies to give preference to products that do not use or contain hydrofluorocarbons, or that use or contain hydrofluorocarbons with a low global warming potential.

LC 229 – Creates prohibitions, restrictions, and requirements related to clearcut logging and other forest operations near forest waters. Requires State Board of Forestry to develop high landslide hazard location maps. Requires Secretary of State to conduct financial and performance audits at least once each biennium. Reduces share of revenue from timber harvest privilege tax appropriated to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute Fund and appropriates shares of the privilege tax to State Forestry Department for administration, enforcement, and technical assistance and for infrastructure or other projects to protect forest waters. Refers Act to the people for their approval or rejections at the next regular general election.

LC 234 – Reduces the number of electors who must be registered as a member of a minor political party in order for the minor political party to retain political party status from one-half of one percent to one-third of one percent of the total number of registered electors in the state.

LC 273 – Modifies the general powers of the Public Utility Commission (PUC). Requires an electric company to account for the external cost of greenhouse gas emissions in integrated resources plans submitted to the PUC. Authorizes the PUC to require electricity service suppliers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with state goals and to make certain public disclosures.

LC 280 – Allows the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board to establish up to 10 active grant or loan programs for the purposes of enhancing and expanding workforce development and economic development in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region. Requires the Board to establish grant and loan program criteria by rule in consultation with Business Oregon.

LC 281 – Establishes deadlines for the 2020 regular session.