

SCR 221 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On The Second Special Session of 2020

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Meeting Dates: 8/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adjourns sine die the second special session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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.