

SJR 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to modify portion of each house of Legislative Assembly needed to be in attendance for quorum necessary for house to conduct business, from two-thirds to a majority. Refers amendment to the people at the next regular statewide general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Section 12, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution defines a quorum for each house of the Oregon Legislative Assembly as two-thirds of its members. Senate Rule 3.01 clarifies that this is 20 members of the Senate, and House Rule 3.01 clarifies this is 40 members of the House. Senate Joint Resolution 4 modifies the portion of members required to reach a quorum to a majority.