

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Requires committee chairs to conduct public hearings on legislative measures so that, to greatest extent practicable, witnesses alternate between those in favor of measure and those opposed to measure, except that witnesses who have traveled more than 100 miles to testify must be given priority. Nothing in rule prohibits public hearing from proceeding if only witnesses remaining to testify are those in favor of or opposed to measure.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) This concurrent resolution constitutes a rule of proceeding of both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly.

(2)(a) A chair of a committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives, or a cochair of a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly, shall strive, to the greatest extent practicable, to alternate witnesses testifying about a legislative measure between those in support of the measure and those opposed to the measure.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a chair or cochair shall give priority to any witness who has traveled more than 100 miles to testify before the committee.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this rule prohibits a public hearing on a legislative measure from proceeding if the only witnesses waiting to testify on the measure are either in support of the measure or opposed to the measure.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.