REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	6 – 0 – 1
Yeas:	Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	Berger
Prepared By:	Jim Stembridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Sine die resolution: final adjournment of the 2007 Regular Session of the 74th Oregon Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
   • Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Ordinarily, because both chambers must agree for either house to adjourn for more than three days, the "sine die resolution" is used to end the session.   The resolution, to be valid, must be adopted in the same form by both chambers. Because the blanks in the original version are ordinarily filled in with the date, effort has been made in previous sessions to amend the resolution during the last hours of the final day of session. The 2007 Legislative Assembly, by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 in January, resolved that the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly would adjourn no later that June 29, 2007.

Although the time of sine die used to be one of the most-discussed issues during the session, the sine die resolution itself is one of the shortest measures considered.   Traditionally, chambers alternate. HCR 18 (2005) ended the 2005 session.   The current Senate version of HCR 14 is SCR 20.

By 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.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.
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