75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Rules

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact	i
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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Jerry Watson, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/30, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits signature gathering period to two years for petition to initiate county or city measure. Requires that petition to initiate county or city measure be submitted not less than 90 days preceding election at which measure is to be voted on. Restricts applicability of two-year time limit on petitions to those petitions for which no other time limit is provided by city or county ordinance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for time limit on currently unlimited city and county petitions.
- Possible amendment regarding coverage exclusion for other time limitations on petitions provided by city or county ordinances
- Whether bill should apply to referral measures
- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The amendment limits applicability of the measure to city or county initiative measures by deleting references to referrals throughout. It restricts applicability of two-year time limit on petitions to those petitions for which no other time limit is provided by city or county ordinance.

BACKGROUND: ORS 250.165, with regard to county measures, and ORS 250.265, with regard to city measures, currently provide that the chief petitioner provide notice that petition is still active on or before each anniversary of approval, but does not establish a maximum time within which a petition may be circulated.