78th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SJR 8 CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Action:

Action:	
Vote:	
Yeas:	
Nays:	
Exc.:	
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Meeting Dates:	5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to limit types of legislative measures that Legislative Assembly may enact during even-numbered year regular session, unless passed by two-thirds vote of each house of Legislative Assembly. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at November 2016 General Election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: In November 2010, Oregonians approved Measure 71, which amended Article IV, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution to require the Legislative Assembly to meet in limited regular sessions in odd-numbered years and in even-numbered years. The measure did not provide for limitations on types of measures that could be enacted during the odd-numbered or even-numbered years.

Senate Joint Resolution 8 would limit the type of legislative measures that could be enacted during the evennumbered years to measures: appropriating moneys, limiting expenditures or modifying existing appropriations or expenditure limitations; conforming Oregon law to changes in federal law that were made within the preceding two years at the federal level; making technical nonpolicy corrections to Oregon laws passed within the preceding two years; or that is passed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house.