

# House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (at the request of Association of Oregon Counties) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires legislative committees to extend same courtesies to members of county governing bodies as are extended to members of Legislative Assembly when testifying, including but not limited to order of testimony taken and length of testimony allowed.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas even prior to statehood, the State of Oregon has relied heavily on Oregon's counties  
3 to provide essential public services; and

4       Whereas that heavy reliance continues to this day, with counties providing a broad array of  
5 essential public services, such as services related to behavioral health, elections, public health,  
6 public safety, veterans and transportation, to name a few; and

7       Whereas many essential public services are shared services, meaning these services are provided  
8 by both the state and counties jointly; and

9       Whereas it is vital that the state and counties work closely together to ensure that essential  
10 public services are delivered in an efficient, effective and respectful manner; and

11       Whereas state elected officials often drift into treating counties as a special interest group  
12 rather than as the state's key partner in providing essential public services; and

13       Whereas the state should take action to ensure that counties are treated as key partners with  
14 the state in providing essential public services; now, therefore,

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

15       (1) This resolution is a rule of proceeding of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the  
16 Eighty-first Legislative Assembly.  
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18       (2) Each committee of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and each joint committee  
19 or subcommittee of the Legislative Assembly shall extend the same courtesies to members of a  
20 county governing body as are extended to members of the Legislative Assembly when testifying,  
21 including but not limited to the order of testimony taken or the length of testimony allowed.  
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