

## HB 3595 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/24

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes a state legal holiday for the day of the Lunar New Year on the date corresponding with the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the third new moon following the winter solstice when an intercalary month intervenes.

*Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

Lunar New Year, often called the Spring Festival or Chinese New Year, is a holiday celebrated in China, Vietnam, Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore, and by many Asian cultures, including by Chinese, South Korean, Vietnamese, Singaporean, Malaysian, Filipino and Indonesian communities. Lunar New Year is the beginning of a new year. Because the lunar calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, the dates of the holiday vary slightly from year to year, beginning sometime between January 21 and February 20, according to Western calendars.

Oregon currently designates 10 state holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The most recent addition, Juneteenth on June 19, was added by the Legislative Assembly in 2021.