

HCR 41 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adjourns *sine die* the 2025 regular session of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Latin term *sine die* means “adjournment without a day.” The *sine die* resolution is used to connote the final adjournment of a legislative session, without adjourning to a specific time or date. To be valid, the resolution must be adopted in the same form by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Prior to the passage of Measure 71 (2010), the Legislative Assembly met once a biennium, during odd-numbered years. The Legislative Assembly began meeting annually in 2011; a long session in odd-numbered years and a short session in even-numbered years. As a result of this change, the chambers initiated the practice of each introducing a concurrent resolution, in conjunction with the *sine die* resolution, to establish bill limits and timelines for each session.

By Oregon legislative 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.