

HCR 203 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Helm

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/05/26

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bowman, Elmer, Grayber, Kropf, Pham H, Skarlatos, Wallan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adjourns sine die the 2026 Regular Session of the 83rd Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

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 legislature met once a biennium, during odd-numbered years. The legislature began meeting annually in 2011, with a long session occurring 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.