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TO: State Legislators of the 79th Legislative Assembly

FROM: Senate President Peter Courtney
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RE: 2017 Legislative Session Calendar

The attached calendar includes the dates and deadlines that will be submitted for adoption at the beginning of the 2017 Legislative Session. The deadlines align closely with the calendar that was used during the 2015 Legislative Session. The following narrative explains important deadlines within the calendar:

Important Session Dates

January 9-11 – Organizational Days

The Legislature will convene for three days to formally organize and prepare for the session. Activities will include opening ceremonies, swearing-in of members, First Reading of pre-session filed measures, and mandatory trainings for members and staff. No committee meetings will be held.

January 13 – Deadline to Request Measures from Legislative Counsel

The deadline for requesting an unlimited number of bill drafts from Legislative Counsel is Friday, January 13, 2017 at 5 p.m. After this deadline, each legislator may introduce a limited number of bills.

Wednesday, February 1– Legislative Session Convenes

Pursuant to ORS 171.010, the 2017 Legislative Session convenes on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

February 24 – Legislative Counsel Returns Measures

Legislative Counsel will return measures that were requested by January 13. After this date, Legislative Counsel will prioritize drafting amendments, followed by other measures that may be requested under each chamber's rules.

February 28 – Deadline to file bills with the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk
Measures that were requested by the January 13 deadline must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk by 5 p.m. on February 28 in order to be introduced without counting against introduction limits.

April 7 – Deadline for Chairs to Schedule Work Sessions for First Chamber Measures
Policy committees must post agendas that schedule any remaining first chamber measures (House bills in the House, Senate bills in the Senate) for which they intend to hold work sessions by April 7. The scheduled work sessions must occur by the April 18 deadline below. This will not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and other joint committees. Bills in a policy committee that are not *scheduled* for a work session by this deadline cannot receive further action.

April 18 – Deadline for Committees to Hold Work Sessions on First Chamber Measures
This is the last day for policy committees to move measures introduced in their chamber (i.e. Senate bills in the Senate, House bills in the House) out of committee. The deadline does not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and other joint committees.

April 19-May 5 – Additional Floor Sessions

It is anticipated that additional floor sessions will be needed during this time in order to move measures off the floor of the first chamber to the opposite chamber and allow time for consideration in the second chamber.

May 19 – Deadline for Chairs to Schedule Work Sessions for Second Chamber Measures
Policy committees must post agendas that schedule any remaining second chamber measures (Senate bills in the House, House bills in the Senate) for which they intend to hold work sessions by May 19. The scheduled work sessions must occur by the June 2 deadline below. This will not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules, and other joint committees. Bills in a policy committee that are not *scheduled* for a work session by this deadline cannot receive further action.

June 2 – Deadline for Committees to Hold Work Sessions on Second Chamber Measures
This is the last day for policy committees to move measures that originated in the opposite chamber out of committee. The deadline does not apply to Ways & Means, Revenue, Rules and other joint committees.

June 23, 2017 – Target Adjournment of Session *sine die*

July 10, 2017 – Constitutional Deadline for Adjournment of Session *sine die*

Please do not hesitate to contact the Senate President's Office at (503) 986-1600 or the House Speaker's Office at (503) 986-1200 if you have any questions about the deadlines or any other portion of the calendar.

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House