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BILL REQ. #: S-3096.1/21

ATTY/TYPIST: ML:akl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Convening a special legislative session.

1           WHEREAS, Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution  
2 authorizes the legislature to convene a special legislative session  
3 upon the affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members  
4 elected or appointed thereto; and

5           WHEREAS, Such special legislative session must be convened by  
6 resolution, which may be executed during any interim between  
7 sessions; and

8           WHEREAS, The resolution must specify a purpose or purposes for  
9 the convening of a special legislative session; and

10          WHEREAS, Any special legislative session convened by the  
11 resolution shall consider only measures germane to the purpose or  
12 purposes expressed in the resolution; and

13          WHEREAS, A two-thirds vote of the members elected or appointed in  
14 each house is required to express an additional purpose or purposes  
15 for the special session; and

16          WHEREAS, Under the joint rules of the senate and house of  
17 representatives, a resolution calling for convening a special  
18 legislative session shall set forth the date and time for convening  
19 the session, the duration of the session, and the purpose or purposes  
20 for which such a session is called;

21          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
22 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That:

1           (1) Pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution,  
2 and Joint Rule 29, the legislature hereby convenes a special  
3 legislative session, beginning September 14, 2021, for a period of  
4 two days; and

5           (2) The purposes for which the legislature convenes a special  
6 legislative session are limited to the following items:

7           (a) To take actions necessary to restore safety and order by  
8 sufficiently empowering police to enforce the law; and

9           (b) To take actions necessary to reform the state's legal  
10 framework for emergency powers and the governor's recent orders  
11 issued pursuant to these powers.

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