
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: S-3097.1/21

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;

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;

12 (c) To take actions necessary to prevent COVID-19 vaccine status
13 discrimination; and

14 (d) To take actions necessary to prevent state issued mask
15 mandates in schools.

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