

## TYPES AND PURPOSES OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

The Legislative Assembly may take action through the following types of measures:

- **Bill**
- **Resolution**
- **Memorial**

Any of these measures may be introduced in either house and may be amended, passed or rejected by the other house. However, revenue bills may be introduced *only* in the House of Representatives. *See* section 18, Article IV of the Oregon Constitution.

Resolutions and memorials are adopted by either house and are not submitted to the Governor. If a resolution or memorial is to be adopted by both houses of the Legislative Assembly, it is called:

- **Joint Resolution**
- **Concurrent Resolution**
- **Joint Memorial**

### PURPOSES OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES:

**BILL.** A measure intended to have the effect of statutory law must be enacted as a bill and passed by both houses of the Legislative Assembly. A bill is used to:

- Create new law.
- Amend or repeal existing law.
- Appropriate or allocate money.
- Prescribe fees.
- Transfer functions from one agency to another.
- Provide penalties or take other action.

**JOINT RESOLUTION.** A joint resolution is adopted by both houses to:

- Propose constitutional amendments.
- Create interim committees.
- Provide for the printing of legislative publications.
- Give directions to a state agency or officer.
- Express legislative approval of action taken by someone else or authorize some kind of temporary action to be taken.
- Direct expenditures out of the legislative expense appropriations.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.** A concurrent resolution is adopted by both houses to:

- Make a request upon or to express an opinion to Congress or the President of the United States or both.
- Address matters affecting the operations and procedures of the Legislative Assembly, such as joint sessions, appointments of joint committees and adjournments.

**RESOLUTION.** A resolution is adopted by a single house of the Legislative Assembly to:

- Take action affecting its own concerns or procedures, such as appointing a committee of its members.
- Express an opinion or sentiment on a matter of public interest.

**JOINT MEMORIAL.** A joint memorial is adopted by both houses to:

- Express legislative congratulations, commendation or sympathy.

**MEMORIAL.** A memorial is used for the same purposes as a joint memorial except that it is adopted by a single house.

# NOTES