The Legislative Coordinating Council, composed of House and Senate legislative leadership, convened today to determine whether the Legislature will return for Veto Session or return to Sine Die, the ceremonial final day of the 2020 Session.

The majority of the Legislative Coordinating Council determined the Legislature will return for one day on May 21, which will serve as Sine Die, the official final day of the session. Though Sine Die is traditionally saved for review of vetoes and consideration of possible votes to override those vetoes, official business, including conference committees, can still meet. Standing committees and conference committees can elect to meet between now and May 21, though none have been scheduled at this time.

As the 2020 session is the second year of the two-year session, after May 21, all existing bills will be dead. In the event the Legislature must convene to address COVID impacts and its budget implications, a special session may be called by Governor Kelly or two-thirds of the Legislature and new legislation would have to be introduced.

Thank you and please let us know any questions.

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