## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development

**MEASURE: CARRIER:** 

HJM 13 A
Rep. Lim

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Barnhart
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Meeting Dates:	4/16, 4/20

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges President of United States, United States Congress, and United States Trade Representative to negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Trade deficits
- Relationship between Taiwan and China •
- Labor and environmental standards •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Urges negotiation instead of ratification. Lists terms of agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The United States has free trade agreements with several Asian nations, including Singapore, Thailand, and most recently South Korea. HJM 13 A urges Congress to negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan. HJM 13 A specifies that the agreement should include guarantees that the State of Oregon has the right to determine its own public policy regarding such things as human rights, environmental protections, and labor standards.