

House Concurrent Resolution 35

Sponsored by Representatives DIEHL, MANNIX, EVANS, BOWMAN; Representative GOMBERG

SUMMARY

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Reaffirms State of Oregon's commitment to its relationship with Taiwan.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are bonded by their shared
3 commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law and the market economy; and

4 Whereas trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to their mutual
5 economic growth; and

6 Whereas in 2022, Taiwan was the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States, with bi-
7 lateral trade totaling \$135.5 billion, and the United States and Taiwan both welcome the launch of
8 the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade to further develop economic ties and facilitate
9 trade; and

10 Whereas according to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of
11 Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service and the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2021, Taiwan was the
12 seventh-largest export market for overall U.S. agricultural products, the sixth-largest export market
13 for U.S. beef and beef products and the eighth-largest export market for U.S. wheat and wheat pro-
14 ducts; and

15 Whereas Taiwan and the State of Oregon maintain and cherish a longstanding friendship since
16 their sister state relationship was established in 1986; and

17 Whereas other landmarks in the relationship between Oregon and Taiwan include the estab-
18 lishment of a sister city relationship between Portland and Kaohsiung in 1988, a driver license
19 reciprocity agreement in 2015 and a letter of intent between the Oregon Wheat Commission and the
20 Taiwan Flour Mills Association in 2022; and

21 Whereas these landmarks reflect the growing exchanges and interdependency from civil to offi-
22 cial levels between Oregon and Taiwan, inspiring and creating additional economic opportunities
23 and prosperities; and

24 Whereas in 2022, Taiwan was Oregon's ninth-largest export destination and seventh-largest im-
25 port source, making Taiwan the overall ninth-largest trading partner of Oregon, with a total trade
26 value of \$2.39 billion, covering commodity goods such as semiconductor parts, electric machinery,
27 chemicals, optical and medical equipment and agricultural products; and

28 Whereas given that the post-COVID supply chain crisis and global trade tumult require unity
29 and cooperation among democratic partners to ensure a safe, free and rule-based economic order,
30 both Taiwan and Oregon are dedicated to fortifying bilateral ties and regional partnerships by con-
31 tinuing existing cooperation and exploring additional opportunities through agricultural, educa-
32 tional, technological, cultural and economic exchanges by means of the reopening of Oregon's Asia

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Trade Office in Taiwan; and

2 Whereas the United States will continue to support Taiwan’s participation in the World Health
3 Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Criminal Police Or-
4 ganization (Interpol) and other international organizations; and

5 Whereas Oregon welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic, educational and cul-
6 tural relationship with Taiwan, including increased trade through bilateral free and fair trade
7 agreements, better two-way investment through double taxation avoidance agreements, Taiwan’s
8 participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, more cooperation under the
9 Global Cooperation and Training Framework and capacity-building programs for regional experts in
10 the areas of public health, empowerment of women, energy efficiency and electronic commerce; now,
11 therefore,

12 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

13 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize the importance of
14 a strong and enduring partnership between the State of Oregon and Taiwan; and be it further

15 Resolved, That we welcome periodic trade talks under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century
16 Trade or related agreements in the interest of free and fair trade and investment; and be it further

17 Resolved, That we support the reopening of Oregon’s Asia Trade Office in Taiwan to enhance
18 Oregon’s economic interests in the Asia-Pacific region; and be it further

19 Resolved, That we support Taiwan’s meaningful participation in important international organ-
20 izations, including organizations that address global health, civilian air safety and transnational
21 crime, as well as bilateral and multilateral security summits, military exercises and economic di-
22 alogues and forums.

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