

House Concurrent Resolution 203

Sponsored by Representative EVANS, Senator MANNING JR, Representatives GOMBERG, DIEHL, MANNIX, Senator WOODS; Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the ways Oregon and Taiwan have worked together over the years. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize the importance of
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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 a strong and enduring partnership between the State of Oregon and Taiwan.

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