

## SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The resolution states the Oregon Legislative Assembly reaffirms Oregon's commitment to its relationship with Taiwan; supports reopening Oregon's trade office in Taiwan; supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations; and endorses a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States and Taiwan.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Trade mission to Taiwan and hospitality of Taiwanese people
- Cranberry exports from Oregon
- Port of Coos Bay role in trade and economy of Oregon
- Existing relationship with Taiwan

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Taiwan, which refers to itself as the Republic of China, is a multiparty democracy and semi-presidential republic with roughly 23.4 million residents off the southeastern coast of mainland China. Mainland China is governed by the People's Republic of China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory, though it does not govern Taiwan. The United States enacted the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, which guides a one-China policy to be resolved by peaceful means, and by which the United States provides defensive abilities to Taiwan.

In 2024, the first agreement under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Trade came into force, covering anticorruption, regulatory practices, service suppliers, customs administration, and investment opportunities in small and medium sized enterprises. The United States Census Bureau reports that as of January 2025, Taiwan is the United States' 9<sup>th</sup> biggest trading partner. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports Taiwan was Oregon's 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest import partner in 2024, and 9<sup>th</sup> biggest export partner.

Taiwan and Oregon established a sister state relationship in 1986. The City of Portland maintains a sister city relationship with Kaohsiung, Taiwan, while the City of Beaverton maintains one with Hsinchu, Taiwan. [House Bill 2756 \(2025\)](#), currently under consideration, proposes the establishment of the Oregon-Taiwan Trade Center.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 reaffirms Oregon's commitment to its sister state relationship with Taiwan, and supports trade relations with Taiwan and its participation in international organizations.