

SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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Meeting Dates: 4/17

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Taiwan 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 21st 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' ninth largest trading partner, while Oregon Public Broadcasting reports Taiwan was Oregon's second biggest import partner and-ninth biggest export partner in 2024.

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.