

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 26

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## SUMMARY

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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 have long enjoyed strong bilateral relations encompassing trade, education, cultural exchanges and  
4 tourism; and

5       Whereas the United States and Taiwan share the core values of freedom, democracy, human  
6 rights, the rule of law, peace and prosperity; and

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

9       Whereas the United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, while Taiwan is the  
10 seventh-largest trading partner of the United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$128 billion in  
11 2023; and

12       Whereas Taiwan imported \$3.7 billion of U.S. farm products in 2023, making it the seventh-  
13 largest market for U.S. agricultural products, as well as the sixth-largest export market for both  
14 U.S. beef and wheat; and

15       Whereas the strong trade and investment partnership between the United States and Taiwan  
16 serves as a solid foundation for advancing a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement that fos-  
17 ters job creation, expands access to global markets and strengthens international supply chains; and

18       Whereas since 1986, Taiwan and the State of Oregon have maintained a sister state relationship  
19 and enjoyed particularly close economic ties; and

20       Whereas a sister city partnership between Portland and Kaohsiung, established in 1988, has fa-  
21 cilitated mutually beneficial educational and cultural exchanges as well as international municipal  
22 cooperation; and

23       Whereas in 2023, Taiwan was Oregon's fourth-largest import source and its ninth-largest export  
24 market, making Taiwan Oregon's sixth-largest overall trading partner, with a total trade value of  
25 \$2.1 billion, covering commodity goods such as semiconductor parts, electrical machinery, chemicals,  
26 optical and medical equipment and agricultural products; and

27       Whereas the establishment of an Oregon trade office in Taiwan would further boost trade vol-  
28 umes and export growth to Taiwan and other Asian markets while strengthening sister state re-  
29 lations, including collaboration in education, technology and cultural exchanges; and

30       Whereas the landmark Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has fostered a close bilateral relationship

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1 between the United States and Taiwan, advancing mutual security and commercial interests; and

2       Whereas the United States has actively supported Taiwan's participation in international or-  
3 ganizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization  
4 and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and it continues to advocate for  
5 Taiwan's meaningful inclusion in these and other global institutions; and

6       Whereas Taiwan, as a responsible and contributing member of the international community, has  
7 provided significant technical and financial assistance in response to natural disasters worldwide;  
8 now, therefore,

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

10       That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, reaffirm the State of Oregon's  
11 commitment to strengthening and deepening its relationship with Taiwan; and be it further

12       Resolved, That we support the reopening of Oregon's trade office in Taiwan; and be it further

13       Resolved, That we support Taiwan's meaningful participation in important international organ-  
14 izations that address global trade and the health, safety and well-being of Taiwan's 23 million citi-  
15 zens; and be it further

16       Resolved, That we endorse a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States  
17 and Taiwan, including the signing of a bilateral trade agreement and a tax agreement to promote  
18 mutual trade and investment; and be it further

19       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office  
20 in Seattle, Washington.

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