

Senate Concurrent Resolution 32

Sponsored by Senators FREDERICK, WAGNER; Senator TAYLOR (at the request of Arnie Roblan)

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 China have worked together over the years. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Reaffirms the State of Oregon's commitment to its relationship with the People's Republic of China.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas 2025 marks the 46th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas the Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China was announced on December 15, 1978; and

Whereas in 2025, the State of Oregon celebrates the 41st anniversary of its sister state relationship with Fujian Province and the 11th anniversary of its sister state relationship with Tianjin Municipality, demonstrating Oregon's long-standing commitment to fostering robust trade and cultural exchanges between the two nations; and

Whereas the establishment of an Oregon trade office in China would further enhance export growth and economic collaboration between Oregon and the Pacific region while strengthening sister state relations through partnerships in education, tourism, business, shipping, environmental sustainability and cultural exchanges; and

Whereas visits by Oregon's Governor and state legislators to China in 2025 and beyond would increase export opportunities, attract investment, expand shipping cooperation and promote joint initiatives in clean technology; and

Whereas Oregon's Legislative Assembly has a long-standing, bipartisan and bicameral tradition of fostering people-to-people collaboration with China, as exemplified by the Oregon-China Sister State Committee, which is cochaired by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Oregon's trade relationship with China supports more than 35,000 high-paying jobs in the state, and China was Oregon's second largest export market in 2024, with exports totaling nearly \$6 billion; and

Whereas shipping connectivity is vital to Oregon's export-driven economy, and with investments at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and the long-standing strength of the Port of Portland, there is a strategic opportunity to strengthen trade with Asian countries, including China; and

Whereas Coos Bay and Portland are Oregon's only two international shipping ports and they are also the only federally approved foreign trade zones in Oregon, so they are uniquely positioned to drive commerce and subnational economic growth between Oregon and China; and

Whereas Oregon and China share a history of collaboration on climate initiatives, with signif-

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1 igrant progress made in environmental cooperation, including scientific partnerships between Crater
2 Lake National Park and Wuyishan National Scenic Area to address climate change challenges; and

3 Whereas Oregon is home to thousands of Chinese Americans, and communities across the state
4 recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Chinese immigrants in shaping Oregon's
5 history, culture and economy, from advancements in public policy and social justice advocacy to
6 fostering educational and cultural exchange; now, therefore,

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

8 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, reaffirm the State of Oregon's
9 commitment to strengthening and expanding its dynamic relationship with the People's Republic of
10 China; and be it further

11 Resolved, That we support the ongoing efforts of the Oregon-China Sister State Committee and
12 the Oregon China Council in promoting people-to-people exchanges and fostering economic, educa-
13 tional and cultural ties between Oregon and China; and be it further

14 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Embassy of the People's Republic
15 of China in Washington, D.C., and to the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in San
16 Francisco, California.