

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Gelser, Richardson
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/17 (Policy sub), 4/20 (Full)

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expresses support for participation by Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Currently Taiwan has 23 million citizens and 400,000 foreign nationals
- Why WHO is important to Taiwan
- Importance of WHO and Taiwan's experience with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Avian Flu and the impact on global health
- Taiwan's commitment to join the WHO

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The World Health Organization, the United Nations specialized agency for health, was established in 1948. WHO is governed by 192 member states through the World Health Assembly, which is composed of representatives from WHO's member states. The main tasks of the World Health Assembly are to approve the WHO program, the budget, and to address major policy questions.