74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 13 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Lim

House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: Barnhart

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/16, 4/20

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges President of United States, United States Congress, and United States Trade Representative to negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Trade deficits
- · Relationship between Taiwan and China
- Labor and environmental standards

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Urges negotiation instead of ratification. Lists terms of agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The United States has free trade agreements with several Asian nations, including Singapore, Thailand, and most recently South Korea. HJM 13 A urges Congress to negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan. HJM 13 A specifies that the agreement should include guarantees that the State of Oregon has the right to determine its own public policy regarding such things as human rights, environmental protections, and labor standards.