

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kruse
Prepared By:	Dana Richardson, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Encourages Oregon citizens and organizations to join celebration of Korean American Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On January 13, 1903, the first Korean Americans settled in Hawaii, and currently 25,000 Korean Americans live in Oregon. South Korea is Oregon's second largest trading partner, exporting more than 1.3 billion in goods to South Korea in 2005.

On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea and initiated the involvement of approximately 5,720,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Korean War. Members of the Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as Korean American Day.