

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Adopt
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/9, 3/26, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Encourages Governor to designate state ambassadors to represent state in foreign markets. Encourages Governor to reimburse ambassadors for actual expenses, including travel.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of personal relationships in trade with Asia
- Possible duplication of International Trade Commission functions

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

**BACKGROUND:** International trade provides important markets for many Oregon businesses. Designating ambassadors for Oregon who would visit foreign markets and receive representatives of foreign markets may enhance Oregon's presence in the global community and benefit the state's economy.