

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Be Adopted |
| Vote: | 8 - 0 - 1 |
| Yeas: | Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Komp |
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| Meeting Dates: | 3/16 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Oregon universities, community colleges and secondary schools to encourage Oregon students to learn Mandarin Chinese and to explore opportunities to study in China.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of Oregon students learning Mandarin Chinese and studying abroad in China
- Importance of starting young when studying a foreign language
- Importance of China to Oregon's economic future
- Utilizing Chinese-American talent in Oregon
- Foreign language curriculum

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HR 3 aims to encourage more students to study Mandarin Chinese and participate in foreign exchange programs in China. According to Mt. Holyoke College, "Mandarin Chinese is by far the most-spoken first language in the world, but it is only the 8th-most-popular language to study in the U.S."