74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

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

Action: Be Adopted **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum

Nays: -

Exc.: Thatcher

Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 6/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Encourages the Governor to designate state ambassadors to represent the State of Oregon in foreign markets. Encourages the Governor to reimburse ambassadors for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SJR 36 A

Rep. Witt

Rep. Lim

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: International trade provides important markets for many Oregon businesses. Proponents contend that designating ambassadors for Oregon who would visit foreign markets and receive representatives of foreign markets will empower the ambassadors, enhance Oregon's presence in the global community, and benefit the state's economy.