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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Consolidates Sister State Committees into one Sister State Committee **for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting activities for all sister states except Fujian Province**. Removes requirement that President of Senate and Speaker of House of Representatives serve as cochairpersons of Sister State Committee. Requires Sister State Committee to establish membership criteria for certain committee members. Deletes requirement that committee visit sister states biennially.

Creates Fujian Sister State Committee for purposes of relations with Fujian Province and China. Requires committee to visit Fujian Province at least biennially.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Sister State Committee; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 285A.143 and
3 285A.145.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.143 is amended to read:

6 285A.143. *[(1) Upon the request of any legislator, for a sister state relationship in which the State*
7 *of Oregon participates, a sister state committee, consisting of up to 21 members each, shall be appointed*
8 *as described in subsection (2) of this section. The committee shall be named for the sister state for*
9 *which the committee is created and shall be known as the (name of sister state) Sister State*
10 *Committee.]*

11 *[(2) Membership of each sister state committee shall include:]*

12 *[(a) The President of the Senate, who shall be cochairperson of the committee;]*

13 *[(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be cochairperson of the committee;]*

14 *[(c) Two members of the Senate, who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the*
15 *President of the Senate;]*

16 *[(d) Two members of the House of Representatives, who are not members of the same political*
17 *party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;]*

18 *[(e) Four members representing Oregon's business community appointed by the President of the*
19 *Senate;]*

20 *[(f) Four members representing Oregon's business community appointed by the Speaker of the*
21 *House of Representatives;]*

22 *[(g)(A) One former member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and one former*
23 *member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;*
24 *or]*

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *[(B) If one of the potential appointees described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is not*
2 *available, two former members of the Legislative Assembly appointed jointly by the President of the*
3 *Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;]*

4 *[(h) Two public members appointed by the President of the Senate;]*

5 *[(i) Two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and]*

6 *[(j) If the cochairpersons jointly agree, one elected state official.]*

7 *[(3)(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each*
8 *designate an alternate from time to time from among the members of their respective chambers to ex-*
9 *ercise powers as a member of the committee when the President or Speaker is not in attendance at a*
10 *committee meeting, except that an alternate may not preside over a committee meeting in place of the*
11 *President or Speaker.]*

12 *[(b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly select*
13 *one of the members appointed under subsection (2)(e) or (f) of this section to be executive director to*
14 *plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.145 (2).]*

15 *[(4)(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives serve on a*
16 *sister state committee so long as each continues to hold the office of President or Speaker.]*

17 *[(b) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this section*
18 *serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the member*
19 *remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member was appointed. Before the*
20 *expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this*
21 *section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the committee begins when*
22 *the former member's legislative term of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under*
23 *subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-*
24 *pointment to become effective immediately.]*

25 *[(c) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(e) to (j) of this section*
26 *is two years. A member appointed under subsection (2)(e) to (j) of this section is eligible for reap-*
27 *pointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(e) to (j) of this section*
28 *before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effec-*
29 *tive immediately for the unexpired term.]*

30 *[(5) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of a sister state committee are entitled*
31 *to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the United States.]*

32 *[(6) The cochairpersons of a sister state committee shall preside alternately at sister state committee*
33 *meetings.]*

34 *[(7) A majority of the members of a sister state committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction*
35 *of business.]*

36 *[(8) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support for one*
37 *meeting of the sister state committee held before the visit described in ORS 285A.145 (2) and for one*
38 *meeting held after the visit.]*

39 *[(9) For the purposes of this section and ORS 285A.145, "sister state" means an international state*
40 *or province.]*

41 **(1) The Sister State Committee shall be appointed as described in subsection (2) of this**
42 **section. The committee may consist of not more than 21 members.**

43 **(2) Membership of the Sister State Committee includes:**

44 **(a) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the President of the Senate**
45 **from among the members of the Senate;**

1 (b) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives from among the members of the House of Representatives;

3 (c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, ap-
4 pointed by the President of the Senate;

5 (d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same
6 political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

7 (e) Additional members selected according to criteria established by the committee and
8 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Represen-
9 tatives.

10 (3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
11 jointly select one of the members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section to be
12 executive director to plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.145.

13 (4)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of
14 this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as
15 long as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the
16 member was appointed. Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member
17 appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint
18 a successor whose term on the committee begins when the former member's legislative term
19 of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d)
20 of this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
21 become effective immediately.

22 (b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this
23 section is two years. A member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section is eligible
24 for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of
25 this section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an ap-
26 pointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

27 (5) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the Sister State Committee
28 are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the
29 United States.

30 (6) The cochairpersons of the Sister State Committee shall preside alternately at Sister
31 State Committee meetings.

32 (7) A majority of the members of the Sister State Committee constitutes a quorum for
33 the transaction of business.

34 (8) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support
35 for one meeting of the Sister State Committee held before each visit described in ORS
36 285A.145 (2) and for one meeting held after each visit.

37 (9) The Sister State Committee shall plan, coordinate or conduct activities under ORS
38 285A.145 for all sister states of this state except Fujian Province.

39 (10) For the purposes of this section and ORS 285A.145, "sister state" means an interna-
40 tional state or province.

41 **SECTION 2.** ORS 285A.145 is amended to read:

42 285A.145. *[If a sister state committee is appointed under ORS 285A.143:]*

43 *[(1)]* The Sister State Committee may:

44 *[(a)]* (1) Organize activities for and host visiting delegations from the sister *[state]* states;

45 *[(b)]* (2) Organize activities for, *[and]* **visit or** participate in delegations visiting *[the sister state]*

1 *and the nation in which the sister state is located*] **sister states and nations in which sister states**
2 **are located;**

3 [(c)] (3) Provide for the exchange of information between the State of Oregon and [*the sister*
4 *state*] **sister states;**

5 [(d)] (4) Work with representatives of [*the sister state*] **sister states** on joint projects; and

6 [(e)] (5) Take all actions necessary to facilitate and promote relations between the State of
7 Oregon and [*the sister state*] **sister states.**

8 [(2) *The sister state committee shall visit the sister state at least biennially for the purpose of ful-*
9 *filling the objectives described in subsection (1) of this section.*]

10 **SECTION 3. (1) The Fujian Sister State Committee is created consisting of the following**
11 **members:**

12 (a) **The President of the Senate as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the com-**
13 **mittee;**

14 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex officio member and**
15 **cochairperson of the committee;**

16 (c) **Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, ap-**
17 **pointed by the President of the Senate;**

18 (d) **Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same**
19 **political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;**

20 (e) **Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the President**
21 **of the Senate;**

22 (f) **Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the Speaker**
23 **of the House of Representatives;**

24 (g)(A) **One former member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and**
25 **one former member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House**
26 **of Representatives; or**

27 (B) **If one of the potential appointees described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is**
28 **not available, two former members of the Legislative Assembly, appointed jointly by the**
29 **President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;**

30 (h) **Two public members, appointed by the President of the Senate;**

31 (i) **Two public members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and**

32 (j) **If the cochairpersons agree, one elected state official, appointed jointly by the**
33 **cochairpersons.**

34 (2)(a) **The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may**
35 **each designate an alternate from time to time from among the members of their respective**
36 **chambers to exercise powers as a member of the Fujian Sister State Committee when the**
37 **President or Speaker is not in attendance at a committee meeting, except that an alternate**
38 **may not preside over a committee meeting in place of the President or Speaker.**

39 (b) **The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**
40 **jointly select one of the members appointed under subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section to**
41 **be executive director to plan for and coordinate activities under section 4 of this 2007 Act.**

42 (3)(a) **A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of**
43 **this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as**
44 **long as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the**
45 **member was appointed. Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member**

1 appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint
2 a successor whose term on the committee begins when the former member's legislative term
3 of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d)
4 of this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
5 become effective immediately.

6 (b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of
7 this section is two years. A member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section
8 is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection
9 (1)(e) to (j) of this section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall
10 make an appointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

11 (4) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the Fujian Sister State
12 Committee are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are
13 out of the United States.

14 (5) The cochairpersons of the Fujian Sister State Committee shall preside alternately at
15 meetings of the committee.

16 (6) A majority of the members of the Fujian Sister State Committee constitutes a quo-
17 rum for the transaction of business.

18 (7) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support
19 for one meeting of the Fujian Sister State Committee held before each visit described in
20 section 4 (2) of this 2007 Act and for one meeting held after each visit.

21 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Fujian Sister State Committee established under section 3 of this
22 2007 Act may:

23 (a) Organize activities for and host visiting delegations from Fujian Province;

24 (b) Organize activities for and participate in delegations visiting Fujian Province and
25 China;

26 (c) Provide for the exchange of information between the State of Oregon and Fujian
27 Province;

28 (d) Work with representatives of Fujian Province on joint projects; and

29 (e) Take all actions necessary to facilitate and promote relations between the State of
30 Oregon and Fujian Province.

31 (2) The Fujian Sister State Committee shall visit Fujian Province at least biennially for
32 the purpose of fulfilling the objectives described in subsection (1) of this section.
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