

House Joint Memorial 4

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Expresses support for participation by Taiwan in World Health Organization.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as AIDS; and

Whereas Taiwan's achievements in the field of health care are substantial, including life expectancy levels that are some of the highest in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates that are comparable to those of western countries, free hepatitis B vaccinations for children and the eradication of polio, cholera, smallpox and the plague; and

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

Whereas in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically the international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas Taiwan's population of 23 million is larger than that of 75 percent of World Health Organization member states; and

Whereas the United States, in its 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

Whereas Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization could bring many benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also regionally and globally; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly support the participation by Taiwan in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World Health Organization.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the United States representative to the World Health Assembly, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States.

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