

# House Joint Resolution 29

Sponsored by Representative LIM

## SUMMARY

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Expresses need to expand foreign exchange programs for Oregon students to study abroad to learn language and culture.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas international relations are a vital part of America's place in the world; and

Whereas the economy is globalizing; and

Whereas in order to compete in the 21st century economy, America must expand trade; and

Whereas trade begins with relationships, and relationships begin with communication; and

Whereas citizens of many other countries take the opportunity to learn languages and cultures outside of their official, primary language and culture; and

Whereas American citizens are the least proficient in foreign languages compared to the rest of the world; and

Whereas temporarily visiting and living in other countries allows the opportunity to learn languages, cultures, customs and traditions; and

Whereas knowledge of language, culture, customs and traditions breakdown barriers; and

Whereas America could lose economic status if we are complacent in our knowledge of other countries; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, recognize that there is a need to expand foreign exchange programs for Oregon students to study abroad to learn language and culture.

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