

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into agreement with another nation or another nation's public agency to ensure instruction of Mandarin Chinese is available to Oregon's public school students by facilitating placement of teachers who speak Mandarin Chinese fluently. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Availability of coursework online
- Need for the measure
- Ages and grades that courses would be offered to
- Cost to the Department of Education
- Required teaching credentials

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2007, the Oregon House of Representatives passed House Resolution 3, urging secondary schools to encourage students to learn Mandarin Chinese and to explore opportunities to study in China. In 2008, five Oregon school districts offered classes in Mandarin Chinese. It has been reported that Mandarin Chinese is by far the most-spoken first language in the world, but it is only the eighth most popular language to study in the United States.

A companion measure, Senate Joint Resolution 50A (2010), requests that the Superintendent promote Chinese language study in Oregon schools.