

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Dembrow, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Harker
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requests that Superintendent of Public Instruction encourage Chinese language study.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Updates information in whereas clauses.

**BACKGROUND:** It has been reported that Mandarin Chinese is by far the most-spoken first language in the world, but it is only the 8th-most-popular language to study in the United States. In 2008, five Oregon school districts offered classes in Mandarin Chinese.

Senate Joint Resolution 50B requests that the Superintendent of Public Instruction encourage Chinese language study by promoting the establishment of Confucius Classrooms in Oregon public schools and other nonprofit language programs that are dedicated to providing Oregon students and adults opportunities to learn the Chinese language.

A related measure, House Bill 3628A (2010), authorizes the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with another nation or another nation's public agency to ensure that instruction of Mandarin Chinese is available to public school students by facilitating placement of teachers who speak Mandarin Chinese fluently.