

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3628

Ordered by the House February 4
Including House Amendments dated February 4

Sponsored by Representative CLEM; Representative RICHARDSON (Presession filed.)

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.

Authorizes Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into [*contract*] **agreement** for purpose of ensuring that instruction of Mandarin dialect of Chinese language is available to public school students.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to foreign language instruction; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas Oregon public schools have greatly benefited from having visiting teachers from
4 Mexico, Spain and Japan; and

5 Whereas the visiting teachers have provided students an enhanced educational experience; and

6 Whereas the agreements entered into by the Superintendent of Public Instruction with Mexico,
7 Spain and Japan to facilitate the placement of visiting teachers in the schools of this state serve
8 as a model for other agreements that seek to promote cultural and educational relations; and

9 Whereas these agreements provide students, parents and educators with the opportunity to work
10 with visiting teachers who are native speakers and who bring a valuable international perspective
11 to Oregon classrooms; and

12 Whereas students who can communicate using the Mandarin dialect of the Chinese language
13 will be better able to compete for jobs in the new global economy; now, therefore,

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

15 **SECTION 1.** **The Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to enter into an**
16 **agreement with another nation or public agency of another nation under ORS 190.485 for the**
17 **purpose of ensuring that the instruction of the Mandarin dialect of the Chinese language is**
18 **available to the public school students of this state by facilitating the placement of teachers**
19 **in public schools who fluently speak the Mandarin dialect of the Chinese language.**

20 **SECTION 2.** **This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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