

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Joint Resolution 50**

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS; Representatives BAILEY, HUNT, RICHARDSON

Whereas the State of Oregon has a sister state agreement with Fujian Province in the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas the City of Portland has a sister city agreement with Suzhou in the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas the People's Republic of China is Oregon's largest trading partner, with \$2.969 billion in exports in 2009; and

Whereas over 900 million people on earth are native speakers of Chinese, making Chinese the largest spoken language in the world; and

Whereas the next generation of Oregonians would benefit from having a working knowledge of the Chinese language and culture to increase their opportunities in the growing global economy; and

Whereas Portland State University and the University of Oregon have been designated Confucius Institutes and are prepared to assist interested Oregon public schools in applying for and establishing Confucius Classrooms on all interested elementary and secondary school campuses; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session assembled, request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction encourage Chinese language study by promoting establishment of Confucius Classrooms in Oregon public schools and other nonprofit language programs dedicated to providing Oregon students and interested adults opportunities to learn the Chinese language.

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Adopted by Senate February 11, 2010

Readopted by Senate February 20, 2010

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

Adopted by House February 19, 2010

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Speaker of House