

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Joint Resolution 50**

Ordered by the Senate February 9  
Including Senate Amendments dated February 9

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS

**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.

[*Directs*] **Requests that** Superintendent of Public Instruction [*to promote*] **encourage** Chinese language study in Oregon schools.

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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

6       Whereas the People's Republic of China is Oregon's second-largest trading partner, with \$2.469  
7 billion in exports in 2008; and

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

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

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

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

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

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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.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.