## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Rules

## REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued Action: Be Adopted Vote: 7 - 0 - 1 Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt Nays: Exc.: Olson Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator Meeting Dates: 4/6

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Proposes Oregonian-Turkish Friendship Task Force to further and build upon friendship and economic relationship between the State of Oregon and the Republic of Turkey.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of cultures learning about each other
- Travel to Turkey

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Republic of Turkey is about the size of the State of Texas in area, with a population of about 70 million people.

The Rosegarden Turkish American Cultural Center organizes annual friendship dinners, intercultural trips to Turkey, interfaith dinners, community picnics, weekend and summer schools, and youth camps in the Portland area. The Center's website is <u>http://rosegardencc.org/</u>.