

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger, George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Channa Newell, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/1, 3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requests Secretary of Commerce and United States Trade Representative open investigation on subsidies provided by provincial and local governments of China to Chinese pulp and paper manufacturers, degree to which such subsidies violate World Trade Organization agreements and other trade agreements, and effects of subsidies on United States' pulp and paper industry.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon paper and pulp product trade
- Importance of forest products in Oregon's economy
- Effects of subsidies on Oregon industry and economy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: More than 445,000 people are employed in the paper and paper products industries in the United States. Over 105,000 jobs have been lost within the industry in recent years. The Economic Policy Institute estimates the government of China has supplied Chinese pulp and paper manufacturers with over \$33 billion in subsidies in the last ten years.

Senate Joint Memorial 5 requests an investigation of these subsidies and their effects on the United States pulp and paper industry.