77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HM 2

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Business & Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty

CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Justice to emphasize protecting intellectual property rights and to provide training guidance to diplomatic and law enforcement personnel overseas to enable them to advocate and enforce intellectual property rights. Encourages President and federal Executive Branch to work with Congress to enact legislation placing additional diplomatic personnel in embassies to protect and enforce intellectual property rights. Calls on Office of U.S. Trade Representative to ensure future trade agreements protect intellectual property rights.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance to Oregon's technology and apparel industries
- Impact of sales of counterfeit products on jobs, earning, tax revenue, public health and safety
- Efforts of the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Private businesses receive the support of U.S. diplomatic and law enforcement personnel who are stationed throughout the world to enforce intellectual property rights. At times, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice coordinate with private businesses to train law enforcement and customs officials in regards to upholding intellectual property rights. House Memorial 2 calls for continued training and for additional personnel to protect and enforce intellectual property rights.