

House Bill 3023

Sponsored by Representatives RICHARDSON, BAILEY, 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 **as introduced**.

Expands mission of Fujian Sister State Committee to organize visits, exchange information, work on joint projects and promote economic development with all provinces of People's Republic of China. Changes name of sister state committee to reflect expanded mission.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to sister state relationships with China; amending ORS 285A.143, 285A.148 and 285A.152;
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.148 is amended to read:

6 285A.148. (1) The [*Fujian*] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee is created consisting of the
7 following members:

8 (a) The President of the Senate as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the committee;

9 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex officio member and cochairperson of
10 the committee;

11 (c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by
12 the President of the Senate;

13 (d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political
14 party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

15 (e) Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the President of the
16 Senate;

17 (f) Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives;

19 (g)(A) One former member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and one
20 former member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Repre-
21 sentatives; or

22 (B) If one of the potential appointees described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is not
23 available, two former members of the Legislative Assembly, appointed jointly by the President of the
24 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

25 (h) Two public members, appointed by the President of the Senate;

26 (i) Two public members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

27 (j) If the cochairpersons agree, one elected state official, appointed jointly by the
28 cochairpersons.

29 (2)(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each
30 designate an alternate from time to time from among the members of their respective chambers to

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.

1 exercise powers as a member of the [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee when the Pres-
 2 ident or Speaker is not in attendance at a committee meeting, except that an alternate may not
 3 preside over a committee meeting in place of the President or Speaker.

4 (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly
 5 select one of the members appointed under subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section to be executive
 6 director to plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.152.

7 (3)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this
 8 section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the
 9 member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member was appointed.
 10 Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under subsection (1)(c)
 11 or (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the com-
 12 mittee begins when the former member's legislative term of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a
 13 member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing
 14 authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately.

15 (b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this sec-
 16 tion is two years. A member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section is eligible for
 17 reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this
 18 section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
 19 become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

20 (4) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister
 21 State Committee are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are
 22 out of the United States.

23 (5) The cochairpersons of the [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee shall preside al-
 24 ternately at meetings of the committee.

25 (6) A majority of the members of the [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee constitutes
 26 a quorum for the transaction of business.

27 (7) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support for one
 28 meeting of the [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee held before each visit described in
 29 ORS 285A.152 (2) and for one meeting held after each visit.

30 **SECTION 2.** ORS 285A.152 is amended to read:

31 285A.152. (1) The [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee established under ORS
 32 285A.148 may:

33 (a) Organize activities for and host visiting delegations from [Fujian Province] **provinces of the**
 34 **People's Republic of China;**

35 (b) Organize activities for and participate in delegations visiting [Fujian Province and] **prov-**
 36 **inces in China;**

37 (c) Provide for the exchange of information between the State of Oregon and [Fujian Province]
 38 **provinces in China;**

39 (d) Work with representatives of [Fujian Province] **provinces in China** on joint projects; and

40 (e) Take all actions necessary to [facilitate] **coordinate** and promote [relations between the State
 41 of Oregon and Fujian Province] **Oregon exports to China and Chinese investments within**
 42 **Oregon.**

43 (2) The [Fujian] **Oregon-China** Sister State Committee may visit [Fujian Province] **China** at
 44 least biennially for the purpose of fulfilling the objectives described in subsection (1) of this section.

45 (3) **For purposes of this section, "province" means a province or a provincial level divi-**

1 **sion as defined under the laws of the People’s Republic of China.**

2 **SECTION 3.** ORS 285A.143 is amended to read:

3 285A.143. (1) The Sister State Committee shall be appointed as described in subsection (2) of this
4 section. The committee may consist of not more than 21 members.

5 (2) Membership of the Sister State Committee includes:

6 (a) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the President of the Senate from
7 among the members of the Senate;

8 (b) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the Speaker of the House of Repre-
9 sentatives from among the members of the House of Representatives;

10 (c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by
11 the President of the Senate;

12 (d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political
13 party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14 (e) Additional members selected according to criteria established by the committee and ap-
15 pointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 (3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly
17 select one of the members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section to be executive director
18 to plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.145.

19 (4)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this
20 section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the
21 member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member was appointed.
22 Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under subsection (2)(a)
23 to (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the com-
24 mittee begins when the former member’s legislative term of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a
25 member appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing
26 authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately.

27 (b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section is
28 two years. A member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section is eligible for reappointment.
29 If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section before the ex-
30 piration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective im-
31 mediately for the unexpired term.

32 (5) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the Sister State Committee are
33 entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the United
34 States.

35 (6) The cochairpersons of the Sister State Committee shall preside alternately at Sister State
36 Committee meetings.

37 (7) A majority of the members of the Sister State Committee constitutes a quorum for the
38 transaction of business.

39 (8) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support for one
40 meeting of the Sister State Committee held before each visit described in ORS 285A.145 (2) and for
41 one meeting held after each visit.

42 (9) The Sister State Committee shall plan, coordinate or conduct activities under ORS 285A.145
43 for all sister states of this state except [*Fujian Province*] **provinces described in ORS 285A.152.**

44 (10) For the purposes of this section and ORS 285A.145, “sister state” means an international
45 state or province.

1 **SECTION 4. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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