

**SB 1516 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure establishes the Ireland Trade Commission (Commission) and specifies membership of the Commission. The measure specifies the duties of the Commission. The measure requires the Commission to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to trade and to the Governor by September 15th of each year. The measure requires all agencies of state government to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties. Finally, the measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 The measure establishes the Ireland Trade Commission (Commission) and specifies membership of the Commission. The measure specifies the duties of the Commission and requires the Commission to meet at least twice per year. The measure permits the Commission to submit reports to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to Trade and to the Governor. The measure directs the Director of the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide administrative staff support for meetings of the Commission. The measure requires all agencies of state government to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties. Finally, the measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, two states other states, New Jersey and West Virginia, have created Ireland Trade Commissions. At least one additional state, Vermont, has legislation pending creating an Ireland Trade Commission.

According to some reports, in 2022, Ireland was a top export destination of Oregon. Additionally, the United States exported \$18.6 billion to Ireland and Ireland exported \$59.8 billion to the United States.

Senate Bill 1516 establishes the Ireland Trade Commission.