

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

March 22, 2005 Hearing Room B

8:30 A.M. Tapes 27 - 28

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Vicki Berger, Chair

Rep. Peter Buckley, Vice-Chair

Rep. Mac Sumner Vice-Chair

Rep. Kevin Cameron

Rep. Sal Esquivel

Rep. Larry Galizio

Rep. Brad Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Caralyn Fisher, Committee Administrator

Jania Zeeb, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2348 – Public Hearing

HJR 16 – Public Hearing

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003 Chair Berger Calls the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 2348.

HB 2348 – PUBLIC HEARING

009 Cara Fischer Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2348.

025 Rep. Lim House District 50. Explains that HB 2348 will only go into effect if HJR 7 is passed. Comments that most other states have a lieutenant governor position.

050 Rep. Lim Discusses why Oregon needs a lieutenant governor.

084 Rep. Lim Discusses the importance of personal relationship with people from other countries, particularly Asian countries

095 Rep. Lim States that as a result of HB 2348, the lieutenant governor would be in charge of the international trade division.

121 Rep. Lim Explains the lieutenant governor's job description.

131 Rep. Esquivel Inquires if the salary for this position would come out of Economic Development Department.

134 Rep. Lim Concurs and explains why the salary would come from there.

142 Rep. Buckley Inquires if there would be negative consequences of having an elected person in charge of international trade.

151 Rep. Lim Responds that this would enhance our status in international trade and that having a lieutenant governor would create more trade and as a result more jobs.

168 Rep. Galizio Expresses concern about the lieutenant governor having ambition and a desire to become the governor. Inquires what the relationship would be between the lieutenant governor and the Legislative Assembly.

180 Rep. Lim States that the lieutenant governor would have nothing to do with the legislative assembly. Mentions that lieutenant governor does not have

to run by the same party ticket as the governor, rather that person would run as an independent.

- 228 Chair Berger Comments on the treatment of dignitaries in Asian cultures. Inquires if there is a way to achieve this goal by having the governor appoint a Deputy of International Trade.
- 260 Rep. Lim Comments on the importance of treating the people from Asia respectfully and in the Asian mind elected officials are highly respected. States that the governor could appoint someone but that person would not be second in command and the lieutenant governor would be second in command.
- 300 Rep. Esquivel Talks about the trade missions that he has taken to Japan and Korea.
- 316 Rep. Lim Gives information about a trade mission to Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China, and invites the members to join the delegation.
- 358 Chair Berger Closes the public hearing on HB 2348 and opens a public hearing on HJR 16.

HJR 16 – PUBLIC HEARING

- 380 Rep. Lim House District 50. Summarizes HJR 16. Comments on the impact of Asian immigrants in Oregon and gives a history of the treatment of Asian immigrants.

TAPE 28, A

- 014 Rep. Lim Comments on the challenge of being an immigrant from an Asian country. Urges the committee to support HJR 16.
- 022 Carol Suzuki Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs. Testifies in support of HJR 16. Gives information on the importance of the Lunar New Year in Asian cultures. Talks about the ways different Asian cultures celebrate the Lunar New Year.
- 050 Suzuki Comments on the importance of family in the Lunar New Year.
- 054 Chair Berger Questions if this is the appropriate day to honor so many cultures.

063	Suzuki	Responds that the United States has adopted a number of days from other cultures and she thinks the Lunar New Year would be an appropriate day to honor Asian Americans in general.
077	Rep. Lim	Responds that Asians are from many different countries with different languages. Comments that this could bring them together for one day a year.
106	Rep. Sumner	Inquires if there is religious significance or factor in the Lunar New Year.
111	Suzuki	Responds that there is not any particular religion tied to the Lunar New Year. Gives an example from Japan.
117	Rep. Lim	Responds that in Korea there is no religion involved in the Lunar New Year.
129	Rep. Sumner	Draws a comparison to the American Thanksgiving.
132	Suzuki	Talks about the proclamations that Governor Kitzhaber and Governor Kulongioski have issued recognizing the Lunar New Year.
140	Chair Berger	Inquires if this concept has been introduced in previous sessions.
142	Rep. Lim	Responds that this is the first time this has been introduced.
147	Chair Berger	Closes the public hearing on HJR 16.
153	Cara Fischer	Committee Administrator. Gives information to the committee regarding the out of building meeting.
191	Chair Berger	Adjourns the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

No exhibits submitted.