

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 25, 2005 Hearing Room 343

8:30 A.M. Tape 62

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Lim, Chair

Rep. Scott Bruun, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jeff Merkley, Vice-Chair

Rep. Peter Buckley

Rep. John Dallum

Rep. Chuck Riley

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Donna Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator

Erin Seiler, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SCR 3 – Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 856 – Public Hearing

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003 Chair Lim Opens the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Opens the public hearing on SCR 3.

SCR 3 – PUBLIC HEARING

008 Sen. Jason Atkinson Senate District 2. Testifies in support of SCR 3.

090 Rep. Merkley Speaks to the value associated with establishing sister state relationships.

103 Rep. Bruun Asks what are the most likely products and services to be traded between Oregon and Kurdistan.

108 Sen. Atkinson Speaks to the need to import concrete and “anything dealing with education,” in particular educational software.

121 Sen. Atkinson Addresses the economic leverage that Kurdistan would gain by building a trade relationship with Oregon and other Western states.

145 Rep. Bruun Asks whether the action taken in SCR 3 would antagonize Turkey.

150 Sen. Atkinson Believes that there is little reason to worry about antagonizing Turkey because the action taken by SCR 3 is being done on a humanitarian basis, more than political basis.

165 Sen. Atkinson Adds that if Kurdistan is economically strong it will relieve much of the “border pressure” on Turkey.

171 Chair Lim Speaks to the importance of building international relationships and support of SCR 3.

199 Chair Lim Closes the public hearing on SCR 3. Opens the work session on SCR 3.

SCR 3 - WORK SESSION

202 Rep. Bruun **MOTION: Moves SCR 3 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

VOTE: 6-0-1

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 1 - Nelson

Chair Nelson The motion CARRIES.

277 Chair Lim Closes the work session on SCR 3. Opens the public hearing on SB 856.

SB 856 - PUBLIC HEARING

287 Carol Suzuki Member, Commission on Asian Affairs. Explains the purpose of SB 856 is to bring the statutes for the Commission on Asian Affairs into alignment with its sister commissions and to remove redundant and unnecessary language from the current statute.

305 Rep. Merkley Asks why the language stating that “members shall be residents of state” is removed.

315 Suzuki Explains that the language removing “members shall be residents of the state” was a drafting error and that requirement will remain in the governing statute.

328 Rep. Merkley Inquires about the “thinking behind changing terms from three year terms to two year terms.”

332 Suzuki Clarifies that terms will continue to be three years, adding that the language was intended to resolve the discrepancies between lengths of a term when appointed by the Governor or when appointed by the legislature.

345 Rep. Merkley Confirms that both these issues will be resolved in the amendments being drafted for SB 856.

348 Chair Lim Asks if the Commission on Asian Affairs has submitted a formal Governor’s Report.

- 353 Suzuki States that since the Commission on Asian Affairs lost both its funding and executive director, it has been unable to submit a Governor's Report.
- 359 Rep. Buckley Asks why SB 856 would delete the language in the statute governing the Commission on Asian Affairs requiring an affirmative majority vote of appointed members to take formal action.
- 369 Suzuki Explains that the deletion of the language reflects the need to bring the statutes into alignment with the current financial and appointment status of the Commission on Asian Affairs.
- 408 Chair Lim Closes the public hearing on SB 856. Adjourns the meeting at 9:07 a.m.