

SENATE BILL REPORT

SCR 8400

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, JANUARY 29, 1993

Brief Description: Declaring a sister state relationship with the Province of Taiwan.

SPONSORS: Senators Talmadge, Skratek, Haugen, Owen, A. Smith, Pelz, Bluechel, Winsley and Erwin

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8400 be substituted therefor, and the substitute concurrent resolution do pass.

Signed by Senators Skratek, Chairman; Sheldon, Vice Chairman; Bluechel, Deccio, Erwin, M. Rasmussen, and Williams.

Staff: Blaine Gibson (786-7457)

Hearing Dates: January 27, 1993; January 29, 1993

BACKGROUND:

In 1991, more than \$5 billion of trade was done between the state of Washington and Taiwan. Washington has established a trade office in Taipei, and has engaged in numerous exchanges with Taiwan in the fine arts and recreation.

SUMMARY:

Washington agrees to enter into a sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

Language is changed so that Washington's sister-state is referred to simply as "Taiwan".

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Washington does over \$5 billion in trade with Taiwan, and a sister-state relationship would help further trade and cultural relations.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Senator Phil Talmadge, prime sponsor; Brent Heinemann,
Office of International Relations & Protocol