
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MARCH 29, 2005

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Urges President and Congress of United States to
support participation of Taiwan in World Health
Organization. (BDR R-1413)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and the
Congress of the United States to support the participation
of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

1 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization's objective is the
2 attainment of the highest possible level of health for all people; and

3 WHEREAS, The health administration of Taiwan is the only
4 competent body possessing and managing the information on any
5 outbreak in Taiwan of epidemics that could potentially threaten
6 global health; and

7 WHEREAS, Participation by all countries in international health
8 programs is crucial to world health as the potential for the spread of
9 various infectious diseases increases proportionately with the
10 increase in world trade and travel; and

11 WHEREAS, Good health is a basic right for every citizen of the
12 world and access to the highest standard of health information and
13 services is necessary to help guarantee this right; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23 million people is larger
15 than that of three-fourths of the member countries who currently
16 participate in the World Health Organization; and

17 WHEREAS, The achievements of Taiwan in the field of health
18 are substantial and include one of the highest life expectancy levels
19 in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of



1 western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as
2 cholera, smallpox and the plague, and the distinction of being the
3 first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B
4 vaccinations; and

5 WHEREAS, In recent years, both the Taiwanese Government and
6 individual Taiwanese experts have expressed a willingness to assist
7 financially or technically in the World Health Organization's health
8 activities and international aid, but these offers have ultimately been
9 refused; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan has not been allowed to actively participate
11 in any organized forums and workshops sponsored by the World
12 Health Organization concerning the latest technologies in the
13 diagnosis, monitoring and control of diseases; and

14 WHEREAS, In light of all the benefits that participation could
15 bring to the overall health of people not only in Taiwan, but also
16 regionally and globally, it is appropriate, if not imperative, for
17 Taiwan to participate in the World Health Organization; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
20 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
21 Nevada Legislature do hereby urge President Bush and the Congress
22 of the United States to support all efforts made by Taiwan to gain
23 meaningful participation in the World Health Organization; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
26 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
27 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
28 officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
29 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director-General
30 of the World Health Organization, the Director General of the
31 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco and each
32 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
34 passage.

