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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: OREGON TOMONOKAI

The Oregon Connection:

- Japan is Oregon's largest trading partner; 52% of Oregon's international trade is with Japan; Oregon's trading relationship with Japan spans more than one century.

- Over 70 Japanese companies maintain operations in Oregon; these firms employ many Oregonians.

- Many residents of Japan have a close relationship with Oregon through education, business, trade, government and tourism.

- Oregon's only overseas office is in Tokyo; its purpose is to enhance Oregon's economic development, tourism and educational opportunities in Japan.

Objectives:

- The promotion of increased understanding and friendly relations between the citizens of Oregon and the citizens of Japan.

- Provide a vehicle for residents of Japan to meet people with whom they share a common interest - Oregon - in the fields of business, education, government and tourism.

- Increase Oregon's level of awareness in Japan.

Activities:

The objectives could be attained through the following activities:

- Compile and maintain a directory of member organizations and individuals.

- Hold meetings of the members as frequently as may be found to be practicable; especially on the occasion of the visit to Japan by prominent Oregonians or visiting groups and/or delegations.

- Cooperate with individuals and especially organizations in Japan and in Oregon which may have similar objectives.

- Provide assistance to members; acting as an informal information (business, trade, education, government and tourism) clearinghouse.

