House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON; Representatives DEMBROW, MCLANE, VEGA PEDERSON, WHISNANT, WILLIAMSON, Senators HANSELL, THOMSEN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Designates *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* as official microbe of State of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a microorganism classified in the kingdom Fungi, has a long history of assisting in human gastronomic, cultural and scientific endeavors; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is commonly known as brewer's yeast or baker's yeast; and

Whereas dating back to ancient times, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has been used to leaven bread, converting fermentable sugars present in the dough into carbon dioxide and ethanol; and

Whereas the ability to generate ethanol also makes *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* essential to the production of alcoholic beverages such as mead, wine, beer and distilled spirits; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has inspired a thriving brewing culture in this state, making Oregon an internationally recognized hub of craft brewing; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has many other important uses in such areas as nutritional supplements, natural health remedies and aquarium upkeep; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is studied as a model organism and used extensively in scientific research to further understanding of genetics, human disease and other important topics; and

Whereas the many meaningful uses of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and its importance to the livelihood and well-being of the people of this state make it worthy of honor and recognition; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is the official microbe of the State of Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.