

SCR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates potato as official vegetable of Oregon.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 29; Excused, 1--Gorsek

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Potatoes are a vital, versatile, nutritious, and easy-to-use food source. They are a cost-effective and child-friendly component of K-12 school meals and can play a key role in minimizing plate waste in schools. Potatoes are grown across Oregon, contributing to the state's health and economic well-being. They represent a crucial piece of Oregon's diverse and unique agricultural sector; they are the state's top-selling vegetable and its seventh most valuable agricultural commodity. Further, Oregon potatoes are exported to international markets, making them a significant component of the state's international trade. Oregon farmers have donated one million pounds of potatoes annually to the Oregon Food Bank.

Senate Current Resolution 3 designates the potato as the official vegetable of Oregon.