

Submitter: Mark Ward  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: SCR3

I am writing to you today to ask the committee for their support of SCR 3 which would designate the potato as the official state vegetable of Oregon.

My name is Mark Ward and I live in Baker City and I am a third generation potato grower. My grandfather planted his first crop of potatoes in 1915. He was a charter member of the Oregon Potato Commission and served on the National Potato Council for many years and I am currently carrying on that legacy as chairman of the Commission and serve as a board member of the National Potato Council.

Today the Ward family is preparing to plant our 108th consecutive crop of potatoes and it would be a proud day for our family and community if the potato were to be designated the official state vegetable of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration of SCR 3 that is before you today.

Mark Ward