

SB 584 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Prepared By: Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 5/28, 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure designates February of each year as Oregon Truffle Month. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 27; Excused, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Truffles are a form of mycorrhizal fungus that develops underground in symbiotic association with the roots of trees and are the “fruit” of these fungi.

Oregon is recognized as one of the top five truffle regions in the world, with its truffles among the world’s preeminent culinary delicacies. It is home to four native truffle species that are recognized for their culinary value: the Oregon Winter White Truffle, the Oregon Spring White Truffle, the Oregon Black Truffle, and the Oregon Brown Truffle.

February marks the peak of Oregon truffle season, drawing thousands of people from around the country and the world.