

SCR 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure designates the T-bone as the official state steak of Oregon.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon has traditionally recognized a variety of official state emblems as tangible representations of its spirit and heritage. Oregon has designated an official state nut, state beverage, state fruit, state vegetable, and a state pie, but has yet to designate a state steak to recognize the vital role of beef cattle in Oregon's development.

Cattle have been raised in Oregon since 1824 and were its second-leading agricultural commodity in 2022, with a total value of production of nearly \$800 million. All 36 Oregon counties participate in producing cattle and have cattle within their borders, and beef has contributed to Oregon's reputation as a national leader in agriculture. Oregon ranchers are known for their respect for the land and their efforts to maintain it for long-term cattle production.

Beef steak supports an active and healthy lifestyle, and it is a source of such essential nutrients as protein, zinc, B vitamins, iron, and riboflavin. The T-bone features two distinct cuts of beef: the strip steak (which packs a bold, beefy flavor and has a hearty texture) and the filet (which is renowned for its exceptional tenderness and mild taste).