

# Senate Bill 584

Sponsored by Senators PROZANSKI, MANNING JR, FREDERICK, Representatives SMITH G, EVANS; Senators MEEK, NASH, TAYLOR, Representative WALTERS (at the request of Oregon Truffle Festival) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Declares a month in praise of Oregon truffles. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).  
Designates February of each year as Oregon Truffle Month.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Truffle Month; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas Oregon is recognized as one of the top five truffle regions in the world, and Oregon  
4 truffles are among the world's preeminent culinary delicacies; and

5       Whereas truffles are a form of mycorrhizal fungus that develops underground in symbiotic as-  
6 sociation with the roots of trees, and truffles are the "fruit" of these fungi; and

7       Whereas Oregon is home to four native truffle species that are recognized for their culinary  
8 value: the Oregon Winter White Truffle (*Tuber oregonense*), the Oregon Spring White Truffle (*Tuber*  
9 *gibbosum*), the Oregon Black Truffle (*Leucangium cascadiense*) and the Oregon Brown Truffle  
10 (*Kalapuya brunnea*); and

11       Whereas Oregon truffles provide an economic incentive to keep forests standing, delivering  
12 ecosystem services including carbon sequestration, wildlife migration corridors and many other  
13 benefits to the natural and aesthetic environment, while ensuring sustainable annual income for  
14 landowners; and

15       Whereas February marks the peak of Oregon truffle season, drawing thousands of people from  
16 around the country and the world, who visit Oregon's rural areas where truffles are found, benefit-  
17 ing local communities; now, therefore,

18 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

19       **SECTION 1. February of each year is designated as Oregon Truffle Month.**

20       **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
22 **on its passage.**

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