

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Designates Jory soil as official state soil.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Criteria for selection of state soil
- Distinctive red color of Jory soil
- Jory soil selected to represent Oregon in Smithsonian traveling exhibit

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Jory soils have been mapped on more than 300,000 acres in western Oregon, primarily in the foothills surrounding the Willamette Valley. They are named after Jory Hill in Marion County, seven miles south of Oregon's Capitol. Jory soils are very productive forest soils, generally dominated by Douglas fir and Oregon white oak. Many areas have been cleared for agricultural use. Jory soils and the climate of the Willamette Valley are ideal for the commercial production of Christmas trees, berries, filberts, corn, wheat, grass seed, and grapes. HCR 3 would designate Jory soil as the official state soil of Oregon.