

**SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes Newberg as Camellia City of Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

The camellia is a genus of flowering plant that originated in eastern and southern Asia, and encompasses 200 different species. The city of Newberg, Oregon has a long standing history with, and affection for, the camellia. On April 4, 1949 the city council of Newberg designated the camellia as the official city flower and subsequently announced the city's first Camellia Festival. In 1997, Newberg Mayor Donna Proctor introduced an official flag for the city that included an image of the camellia. In 2017, Newberg will host the American Camellia Society convention which will be held from April 5 through April 8th.

SCR 26 recognizes Newberg as the Camellia City of Oregon.