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Requested by Senator GIROD

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 18**

1 On page 1 of the printed concurrent resolution, delete lines 2 through 30
2 and insert:

3 “Whereas many Oregonians feel that it is time to adopt the osprey as our
4 state bird, valuing the raptor as a fitting symbol of Oregon’s rugged inde-
5 pendence, strength and resilience; and

6 “Whereas other Oregonians favor the western meadowlark, already our
7 unofficial state bird, considering the songbird’s peaceful, mellifluous song to
8 be an emblem of gentle beauty and culture within this state; and

9 “Whereas the question of whether the state bird should be a raptor or a
10 songbird presents a false dichotomy; and

11 “Whereas sometimes the best answer to an ‘either-or’ question is ‘and’;
12 and

13 “Whereas Oregon is not wholly represented by one climate or region of
14 the state; and

15 “Whereas Oregonians, themselves, cannot be categorized as only one type
16 of person; and

17 “Whereas a multifaceted Oregon calls for two types of state bird: the state
18 raptor and the state songbird; and

19 “Whereas the western meadowlark brings to mind the open fields and
20 meadows spread across the state; and

21 “Whereas the osprey evokes Oregon’s lakes, rivers, streams and ocean;

1 and

2 “Whereas the western meadowlark’s song and bright colors have delighted
3 generations of Oregonians; and

4 “Whereas the osprey in flight, with its striking markings against the sky,
5 causes Oregonians to stop and stare in wonder; and

6 “Whereas embracing the excellent qualities of one bird does not derogate
7 those of the other; and

8 “Whereas while most states are content to be limited to one state bird,
9 Oregon recognizes the need for another, understanding that there is room in
10 the hearts of Oregonians for two symbolic birds; now, therefore,”

11 Delete line 32 and delete page 2 and insert:

12 “That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, desig-
13 nate the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) as the official state raptor of Oregon;
14 and be it further

15 “Resolved, That we designate the western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)
16 as the official state songbird of Oregon.”

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