House Concurrent Resolution 7
Sponsored by Representative FINDLEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Designates Border collie as official state dog.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Border collie originated more than 300 years ago on the border of England and Scotland; and
Whereas the Border collie was brought to Oregon by way of Europe during the westward expansion; and
Whereas the Border collie is bred primarily to work with livestock; and
Whereas the Border collie is considered worldwide to be the most intelligent breed of dog; and
Whereas the Border collie is known for its strong work ethic and extraordinary ability to herd and control farm livestock; and
Whereas when the Donation Land Act was enacted in 1850, sheep ranchers Art Minor, Charles Cunningham, Ameil Claude, the Bartholomew brothers and the Kreb brothers took advantage of grasslands to create large herds of sheep; and
Whereas Border collies were documented working the fields in Heppner, Oregon, during the middle of the 1800s; and
Whereas cattle and sheep ranching increased in Oregon during the 1920s, when businesspeople imported Border collies to help build the West; and
Whereas today in Oregon the Border collie continues to assist farmers and ranchers in the field by moving sheep and cattle from pasture to pasture and by protecting livestock from predatory animals; and
Whereas the Oregon Sheep Dog Society is the oldest sheepdog organization in the United States; and
Whereas the finals of five national sheepdog trials have taken place in Oregon; and
Whereas since 2000, sites across Oregon have repeatedly been chosen to host the annual Western States Regional Sheepdog Championships; and
Whereas Oregonians appreciate the Border collie’s intelligence and penchant for hard work that, combined with the breed’s long history in this state, make the Border collie a natural choice for Oregon’s state dog; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
That the Border collie is the official dog of the State of Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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