

**SCR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hansell

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 03/16/23

**Action:** Do adopt.

**Vote:** 3-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Hansell, Lieber, Steiner

**Exc:** 2 - Knopp, Manning Jr

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates potato as official vegetable of Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The economic benefits of Oregon potato farming
- Potato farming as a multi-generational family occupation
- Oregon potatoes and international trade
- The potato being the Idaho state vegetable

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Potatoes are a vital, versatile, nutritious, and easy-to-use food source. They are a cost-effective and child-friendly component of K-12 school meals and can play a key role in minimizing plate waste in schools. Potatoes are grown across Oregon, contributing to the state's health and economic well-being. They represent a crucial piece of Oregon's diverse and unique agricultural sector; they are the state's top-selling vegetable and its seventh most valuable agricultural commodity. Further, Oregon potatoes are exported to international markets, making them a significant component of the state's international trade. Oregon farmers have donated one million pounds of potatoes annually to the Oregon Food Bank.

Senate Current Resolution 3 designates the potato as the official vegetable of Oregon.