Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (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 potato as official vegetable of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas potatoes are a vital, versatile and easy-to-use food source for Oregonians from all cultural backgrounds and across all levels of income; and

Whereas potatoes are nutritious, packed with vitamins B6 and C, potassium, iron and fiber, and are low in sodium, fat-free, cholesterol-free and gluten-free; and

Whereas potatoes are a cost-effective, nutrient-dense and child-friendly component of K-12 school breakfasts and lunches, and can play a key role in minimizing plate waste in schools; and

Whereas potatoes are grown in all corners of Oregon, contributing to the health and economic well-being of the entire state; and

Whereas Baker, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla and Union Counties lead the way in volume of potato production; and

Whereas potatoes represent a crucial piece of Oregon's diverse and unique agricultural sector; and

Whereas potatoes produced by Oregon's organic, commercial and multigenerational potato farms are this state's top-selling vegetable and its seventh most valuable agricultural commodity; and

Whereas Oregon potatoes are exported to markets such as Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines, Mexico and South America, making them a significant component of this state's international trade; and

Whereas Oregon farmers have donated one million pounds of potatoes annually to the Oregon Food Bank; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, designate the potato as the official vegetable 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.