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Literally tons of food are brought home by thousands of hunters, gatherers, anglers, and foragers. Many people are unaware of the opportunities available year-round in Western Oregon in particular. The spring and summer, which are bursting with berries, fruits, seeds, and greens, frequently eclipse the fall's mushrooms and mussels. The winter hunting seasons are a great time to find high-quality, organic, free-range protein. Knowing that they were the ones who searched out, gathered, and cooked the food in front of them gives each individual a basic sense of pride. The vast bulk of civilization has turned away from this sentiment. It is impossible to maintain the erosion of the fundamental right to food by those who do not know or comprehend the food that these households obtain through hunting, fishing, collecting, and foraging. HJR 5 must be approved in order to add an amendment to Oregon's constitution that would safeguard these rights in perpetuity. Until then, people who source their own food must be concerned about where their next years hunted and gathered meals will come from.