

Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee,

I am here today to express my support for SCR 3, which would designate the potato as the official vegetable of Oregon.

As a longtime farmer and representative of Eastern Oregon, I know firsthand how important our growers are to our state's economy and their communities. I am proud to represent a diverse region that produces a variety of crops, including a significant number of potatoes, each year.

Oregon's potato growers produce over 2.7 billion pounds of potatoes each year, more than \$200 million worth of this important crop.

While I know that there are many crops – including vegetables – that play an important role in our rural communities, I am proud to support SCR 3 today on behalf of my many constituents who have been advocating for this recognition for Oregon's potato growers for so long.

I hope you will join me in supporting SCR 3 so that Oregon can officially call the potato our state vegetable.

Best, Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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