

# Senate Joint Resolution 13

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Resolution proposes a constitutional change. The change would declare a right to fish, hunt or gather wild foods. The Resolution refers the change to voters. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to declare a constitutional right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife or gather wild foods, subject to certain legal restrictions.

Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Oregon residents have a strong interest in sourcing their own foods, both wild and  
3 foraged; and

4       Whereas the self-reliant sourcing of wild foods has been, and continues to be, a part of Oregon's  
5 heritage; and

6       Whereas the right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife and gather wild foods will not supersede  
7 wildlife conservation and management laws and regulations, nor public and private property rights;  
8 now, therefore,

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

10       **PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section  
11 48 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

12       **SECTION 48. Residents of this state have the right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife and**  
13 **gather wild foods by traditional methods or manners, subject only to laws enacted by the**  
14 **Legislative Assembly and rules adopted by state agencies to promote sound wildlife conser-**  
15 **vation and management. The right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife and gather wild foods is**  
16 **a valued part of Oregon's heritage and shall be forever preserved. This section does not**  
17 **abrogate any public or private property rights or the sovereignty of this state over its na-**  
18 **tural resources.**

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20       **PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the  
21 people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout  
22 this state.

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**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.