

House Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (at the request of Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board)
(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 onion as official state vegetable.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the State of Oregon has traditionally recognized a variety of official state emblems as
3 tangible representations of the proud spirit and heritage of this state; and

4 Whereas Oregon has designated an official state fruit but has yet to designate an official state
5 vegetable to recognize the key role vegetables have played in Oregon's development; and

6 Whereas many other states have already designated a state vegetable because of its close con-
7 nection to a state and importance to its history; and

8 Whereas onions have been cultivated for thousands of years and they were considered as valu-
9 able as gold or rare gems in the Middle Ages; and

10 Whereas onions are an outstanding and healthy food resource, packed with vitamins, nutrients
11 and antioxidants; and

12 Whereas the medicinal properties of onions have been recognized since ancient times, when they
13 were used to treat a wide variety of ailments and diseases; and

14 Whereas much of Oregon's onion crop is composed of sweet onions that are famed and prized
15 around the world for their uniquely delicious and mild flavor; and

16 Whereas onions were originally cultivated in eastern Oregon in the 19th century; and

17 Whereas eastern Oregon is the leading region in the nation for the production of onions, with
18 nearly two billion pounds grown in eastern Oregon per year; and

19 Whereas the soil and climate of eastern Oregon are extremely well-suited to the production of
20 onions; and

21 Whereas Malheur, Umatilla and Morrow Counties lead the way among Oregon counties in vol-
22 ume of production of onions; and

23 Whereas the United States is the world's third largest producer of onions, and onions grown in
24 Oregon form a large portion of the national total; and

25 Whereas onions are Oregon's second largest crop in terms of value of production per year; and

26 Whereas onions play a massive role in Oregon's vital agricultural sector; and

27 Whereas Oregon's reputation as a national leader in agriculture is well-deserved, and the onion
28 has contributed greatly to this proud legacy; and

29 Whereas embracing the excellent qualities of one vegetable does not diminish the importance
30 of other vegetables; and

31 Whereas due to the deep connection the onion has with Oregon, it deserves the honor of being

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 our state vegetable; now, therefore,

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

3 That the onion is the official vegetable of the State of Oregon.

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