

A-Engrossed
House Joint Resolution 8

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Including House Amendments dated March 15

Sponsored by Representative P SMITH, Senator METSGER; Representatives BUCKLEY, ESQUIVEL, GILMAN,
RICHARDSON, Senators ATKINSON, BATES (at the request of Pear Bureau Northwest)

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.

Designates [*European*] pear (*Pyrus communis*) as official state fruit.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Oregon is internationally renowned for producing a variety of delicious, sweet and
3 juicy pears, including Comice, Anjou, Bosc and Bartlett; and

4 Whereas the Northwest is the only geographic region in the United States that has the ideal
5 combination of climatic and geographic settings needed to produce high-quality, delicious summer
6 and winter pear varieties; and

7 Whereas Oregon's rich pear-growing region stretches along the banks of the Columbia River,
8 and thousands of acres of pears flourish in the valleys beneath the snowcapped peak of Mt. Hood;
9 and

10 Whereas the Rogue River Valley in southern Oregon has long been home to high-yield pear or-
11 chards in view of Mt. McLoughlin, and is the southernmost growing region of the Northwest pear
12 industry; and

13 Whereas organic, commercial and multigeneration family orchards all contribute high-quality
14 fruit to Oregon's fresh pear industry, making the pear Oregon's top-selling tree fruit crop and its
15 10th largest agricultural commodity; and

16 Whereas Oregon is world famous for its beautiful and delicious pear and fruit gift baskets
17 produced in Medford and Hood River; and

18 Whereas Oregon's total pear production consistently ranks third overall in the United States
19 and Oregon's fresh pear production ranks second; and

20 Whereas pears are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and dietary fiber, have no cholesterol,
21 are low in calories, with only 100 calories per serving, and complement the active Oregon lifestyle;
22 and

23 Whereas the State of Oregon does not have an official state fruit; now, therefore,

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

25 That the pear (*Pyrus communis*) is the official fruit of the State of Oregon.
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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.
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