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Senate Concurrent Resolution 18

Ordered by the House July 4
Including House Amendments dated July 4

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, STEINER HAYWARD

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 osprey as official state *[bird]* **raptor and western meadowlark as official state songbird.**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas many Oregonians feel that it is time to adopt the osprey as our state bird, valuing the
3 raptor as a fitting symbol of Oregon's rugged independence, strength and resilience; and

4 Whereas other Oregonians favor the western meadowlark, already our unofficial state bird,
5 considering the songbird's peaceful, mellifluous song to be an emblem of gentle beauty and culture
6 within this state; and

7 Whereas the question of whether the state bird should be a raptor or a songbird presents a false
8 dichotomy; and

9 Whereas sometimes the best answer to an "either-or" question is "and"; and

10 Whereas Oregon is not wholly represented by one climate or region of the state; and

11 Whereas Oregonians, themselves, cannot be categorized as only one type of person; and

12 Whereas a multifaceted Oregon calls for two types of state bird: the state raptor and the state
13 songbird; and

14 Whereas the western meadowlark brings to mind the open fields and meadows spread across the
15 state; and

16 Whereas the osprey evokes Oregon's lakes, rivers, streams and ocean; and

17 Whereas the western meadowlark's song and bright colors have delighted generations of
18 Oregonians; and

19 Whereas the osprey in flight, with its striking markings against the sky, causes Oregonians to
20 stop and stare in wonder; and

21 Whereas embracing the excellent qualities of one bird does not derogate those of the other; and

22 Whereas while most states are content to be limited to one state bird, Oregon recognizes the
23 need for another, understanding that there is room in the hearts of Oregonians for two symbolic
24 birds; now, therefore,

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

26 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, designate the osprey (*Pandion*
27 *haliaetus*) as the official state raptor of Oregon; and be it further

28 Resolved, That we designate the western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) as the official state

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1 songbird of Oregon.

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