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PREAMENDED

LLS NO. 14-0110.01 Debbie Haskins x2045

HOUSE BILL 14-1024

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Murray,

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House Committees
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CLARET CUP CACTUS AS THE
102 STATE CACTUS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

The bill designates the kingcup cactus as the state cactus of the state of Colorado.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
2 hereby finds and declares that:

3 (a) The *echinocereus triglochidiatus* cactus, more commonly
4 known as the **claret cup** cactus, is native to Colorado and is found in the
5 state's varied habitats, from low, dry land to rocky slopes and mountain
6 woodlands;

7 (b) The **claret cup** cactus grows in elevations from four hundred
8 ninety feet to nine thousand eight hundred fifty feet;

9 (c) The **claret cup** cactus is considered one of the easiest varieties
10 of cactus to grow and is very popular in rock gardens;

11 (d) The **claret cup** cactus is widely cultivated for its beautiful
12 flowers;

13 (e) The primary pollinators of the flowers of the **claret cup** cactus
14 are hummingbirds because the long-tubed shape of the flowers can
15 accommodate the hummingbirds' long beaks and their whirring wings;
16 and

17 (f) The fruit of the **claret cup** cactus is edible.

18 (2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly that the **claret**
19 **cup** cactus be added to the array of symbols that demonstrate our state
20 character and pride.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-915 as
22 follows:

23 **24-80-915. State cactus.** THE **CLARET CUP** CACTUS
24 (ECHINOCEREUS TRIGLOCHIDIATUS) IS HEREBY MADE AND DECLARED TO
25 BE THE STATE CACTUS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

26 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.