

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/10 (Subcommittee on Education Innovation), 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: States the legislature's findings on farm-to-school programs. Directs Department of Agriculture to consult with Department of Education to help the Department of Education establish a farm-to-school program. Requires State Department of Agriculture to assist school districts in identifying products and suppliers, develop procurement strategies, link ingredient suppliers with primary/secondary manufacturers in school breakfast/lunch programs, and set standards of identity for food products. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Agriculture for program implementation. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of Oregon state financial support, other than minimum required match, to local school districts for school breakfast/lunch programs
- Cooperation between Departments of Education and Agriculture, school districts, and agricultural producers
- Supporting Oregon agriculture and Oregon schools ("Oregon Farmers Feeding Oregon Kids")
- Some Oregon agricultural producers selling more to out-of-state schools than to Oregon schools
- School nutrition and wellness policies
- HB 3476 (companion farm-to-school bill focused on Department of Education)
- HB 3185 (school garden bill)
- Cost of program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Amendment replaces the entire text of HB 3307.

BACKGROUND: HB 3307-A directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop a Farm-to-School program. The program would be designed to: "(1) Assisting school districts in identifying food products to be utilized under the program and the sources and suppliers of those identified food products; (2) Developing procurement strategies to utilize more Oregon food products in schools, including but not limited to forward contracting; (3) Linking ingredient suppliers with primary and secondary manufacturers in Oregon that can meet the United State Department of Agriculture's guidelines for the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program; (4) In collaboration with the Department of Education, adopting rules setting standards to facilitate the implementation of the Farm-to-School program, including but not limited to standards of identity;" and other functions.

HB 3307-A would appropriate to the Department of Agriculture from the General Fund \$175,000 for administering the program and thus has a subsequent referral to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.