

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** States the legislature's findings on farm-to-school programs. Directs Department of Education to establish farm-to-school program. Directs department to reimburse school districts that utilize Oregon agricultural products seven cents for every meal served as part of the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for reimbursements and 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 3307 (companion farm-to-school bill focused on Department of Agriculture)
- HB 3185 (school garden bill)
- Cost of program and level of reimbursement
- Performance measures/evaluation

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Amendment replaces entire text of HB 3476.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 3476-A directs the Department of Education to establish a farm-to-school program. The program will "(a) Assist school districts in Oregon agricultural products and produce from school gardens; (b) Evaluate the effects of district farm-to-school programs; (c) Coordinate the farm-to-school program with local school district wellness policies required by the United State Department of Agriculture; (d) Reimburse school districts that utilize Oregon agricultural products seven cents for every meal served as part of the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;" and other activities.

HB 3476-A would appropriate to the Department of Education from the General Fund \$8,640,000 for reimbursements to school districts and \$175,000 for administering the program and thus has a subsequent referral to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

HB 3476-A is a Teamwork Bill.

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