

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3307

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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.

[Requires State Department of Agriculture to develop and implement program to improve utilization of locally grown farm products, including distribution of locally grown farm products to schools and other public institutions.]

Directs State Department of Agriculture to consult with Department of Education for purpose of helping Department of Education develop Farm-to-School program. Describes duties of State Department of Agriculture regarding support of program when program has been developed and implemented by Department of Education.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to State Department of Agriculture for purpose of carrying out duties of department.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to food utilization; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas farm-to-school programs have been shown to result in increased market opportunities
4 for farmers, food processors and manufacturers, to support economic development and to educate
5 children and the school community about agriculture and food systems; and

6 Whereas farm-to-school programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of
7 produce, thereby improving childhood nutrition and lessening the incidence of obesity and obesity-
8 related disease; and

9 Whereas these programs, by decreasing the distance between producer and consumer, also re-
10 duce the emission of greenhouse gases and reliance on oil; and

11 Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of Oregon children, farm-
12 ers, food processors, manufacturers and communities to empower schools to increase their use of
13 Oregon agricultural products in school food service programs; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

15 **SECTION 1.** **The State Department of Agriculture shall consult with the Department of**
16 **Education for the purpose of helping the Department of Education develop a Farm-to-School**
17 **program within the Department of Education. Upon the Department of Education's inform-**
18 **ing the State Department of Agriculture that a Farm-to-School program has been developed**
19 **and implemented, the State Department of Agriculture shall provide support to the program**
20 **by:**

21 **(1) Assisting school districts in identifying food products to be utilized under the program**
22 **and the sources and suppliers of those identified food products;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(2) Developing procurement strategies to utilize more Oregon food products in schools,**
2 **including but not limited to forward contracting;**

3 **(3) Linking ingredient suppliers with primary and secondary manufacturers in Oregon**
4 **that can meet the United States Department of Agriculture's guidelines for the National**
5 **School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program;**

6 **(4) In collaboration with the Department of Education, adopting rules setting standards**
7 **to facilitate the implementation of the Farm-to-School program, including but not limited to**
8 **standards of identity; and**

9 **(5) Performing any other functions the State Department of Agriculture deems necessary**
10 **to facilitate the success of the Farm-to-School program.**

11 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
12 **ated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out**
13 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$175,000, which may be expended for carrying out the**
14 **duties of the department under section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
17 **July 1, 2007.**