

# 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 **as introduced**.

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.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to food utilization.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

5 (1) **It is in the best interest of Oregon children, farmers and communities to empower**  
6 **schools, regulated child care facilities and state agencies to increase their use of local farm**  
7 **products in meal programs for children and other food service programs; and**

8 (2) **A program to ensure the long-term sustainability of local farms in Oregon will benefit**  
9 **local farms, farm stands, farmers' markets and agriculture communities.**

10 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall work in consultation with the**  
11 **Department of Education to develop a program within the State Department of Agriculture**  
12 **to be called the Farm-to-School program. The purpose of the program shall be to:**

13 (a) **Improve the distribution in schools of fresh and processed foods grown within this**  
14 **state;**

15 (b) **Improve the nutritional status of Oregon children; and**

16 (c) **Increase the utilization of locally produced agricultural products from local farms.**

17 (2) **The Farm-to-School program shall include, but need not be limited to:**

18 (a) **Providing expertise to local farms to develop and implement innovative production**  
19 **and marketing strategies;**

20 (b) **Coordinating value-added infrastructure development geared specifically toward the**  
21 **production and marketing of local farm products; and**

22 (c) **Conducting outreach to schools and other public institutions to optimize the utiliza-**  
23 **tion of the Department of Human Services Women, Infants, and Children Program and of the**  
24 **United States Department of Agriculture's Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and**  
25 **programs for food stamps, emergency food assistance and promoting healthy diets in schools.**

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