

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3476

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 18

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before “appropriating” insert “and” and delete “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 After line 2, insert:

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

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

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

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

15 Delete lines 4 through 19 and insert:

16 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish a farm-to-school program.
17 Through the farm-to-school program, the department shall:**

18 **“(a) Assist school districts in utilizing Oregon agricultural products and produce from
19 school gardens;**

20 **“(b) Evaluate the effects of the farm-to-school program;**

21 **“(c) Coordinate the farm-to-school program with local school district wellness policies
22 required by the United States Department of Agriculture;**

23 **“(d) Reimburse school districts that utilize Oregon agricultural products up to seven
24 cents for every meal served as part of the National School Lunch Program or School
25 Breakfast Program; and**

26 **“(e) Perform other activities as needed to facilitate the success of the farm-to-school
27 program.**

28 **“(2) Any moneys received by a school district under the farm-to-school program must
29 be expended for Oregon agricultural products used in reimbursable meals.**

30 **“(3) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration
31 of this section.**

32 **“SECTION 2. There are appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium
33 beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the following amounts:**

34 **“(1) For the purpose of administering the farm-to-school program under section 1 (1)(a)
35 to (c) and (e) of this 2007 Act, \$175,000.**

1 **“(2) For the purpose of administering the farm-to-school program under section 1 (1)(d)**
2 **of this 2007 Act, \$8,640,000.”.**
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