

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Joint Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Greenlick, Huffman, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Education (ODE) to establish Oregon Farm-to-School and School Garden Program. Authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules for program administration. Permits ODE to accept contributions for program duties. Requires ODE to report to Legislative Assembly regarding program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to ODE for program. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Subsequent referral to Joint Ways & Means Committee
- Current service levels in large and small school districts
- Nature of program, pilot or ongoing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the 2007 Legislative Session, the Department of Agriculture was authorized to hire a full-time farm-to-school coordinator to work with the Oregon agricultural sector to develop and promote Oregon agricultural products for school cafeterias. House Bill 3601 creates a corollary position within ODE. Additionally, the measure directs ODE to assist certain school district in utilizing Oregon food products and produce from school gardens; promoting food- and garden-based educational activities in certain school districts; and to provide information to school districts on how farm-to-school and school garden projects may help implement federally-mandated wellness policies.