

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Esquivel, Jenson
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Herzog, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/9, 4/6, 4/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes school district to apply to Department of Education (ODE) for grant to be used to reimburse for costs to purchase Oregon food products and food-based, agriculture-based and garden based educational activities. Requires 87.5 percent of grant be used for reimbursement and 12.5 percent be used for educational activities. Stipulates school district shall be reimbursed for costs of purchasing Oregon food products that were: purchased on or after date school district received money for grant; produced or processed in Oregon; and used in meals that are part of United States Department of Agriculture’s National School Lunch Program. Reimbursement must be in amount that equals lesser of amount paid per meal to purchase Oregon food product; or 15 cents for every school lunch. Authorizes educational activities portion of grant be used for educational activities including staff time, travel and equipment. Requires ODE to consult with Department of Agriculture (ODA) on recipients and amounts of grants. Allocates \$2 million to ODA from Administrative Services Economic Development Fund for biennium beginning July 1, 2011. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Implementation of farm-to-school programs
- Impact on jobs as a result of investing in farm to school programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** “Farm-to-school” programs enable schools to offer fresh, locally-sourced products in their cafeterias, and to design corresponding hands-on curricula that may include farm visits, gardening, cooking, composting, and recycling. These programs aim to promote mutually beneficial educational and economic development by focusing on children’s long-term health habits and academic achievement while supporting local farmers and food processors, both big and small. House Bill 2800 A would create a grant program to support the purchase of local foods for Oregon schools and educational activities related to Oregon agricultural products.