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## SUMMARY

Urges Congress to pass legislation improving school nutrition requirements to facilitate purchase of locally produced food by school districts.

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To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas schools in this state are limited in their efforts to use local produce in school lunches by federal guidelines; and

Whereas fresh and nutritional meals are essential to the physical and psychological well-being and growth of all children; and

Whereas the ability of schools in this state to serve local produce benefits not only the students but also local farms; and

Whereas providing local produce in school lunches in this state is a sensible and beneficial part of the solution in helping students to be healthy; and

Whereas regulations and guidelines that impede the accessibility of locally produced foods for schools in this state are in conflict with initiatives to raise healthier children and support local agriculture; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to pass legislation to improve school nutrition requirements in order to facilitate the

**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 purchase of locally produced foods by school districts to serve to students.
- 2 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon
- 3 Congressional Delegation.

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