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Distinguished Legislators,

HB 2762: Requires school district to eliminate use of polystyrene foam plates, trays, food containers or food packaging in service of any meal.

While I agree this bill is noble the cost associated with enacting this legislation will greatly impact the solvency of the St. Helens School District lunch program, and many across our great state.

The added expense of hiring additional personal to wash hundreds of trays each day will cost our district tens of thousands of dollars. This cost will negate our ability to operate outside the general fund. Greatly needed educational funds will be taken from classrooms and transferred into the food service operation.

Compostable trays are cost prohibitive, trays are much more expensive to purchase, along with the added cost of transporting them to commercial composting facilities.

Many Oregon School Nutrition Districts across the state are already struggling due to the impact of t HHFKA regulations. This bill will greatly jeopardize our program, all of the students we serve.

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