

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

**Department of Agriculture
Farm to School**

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval of the submission of a \$100,000 federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve access to local foods in schools. The Department of Agriculture reports that if the grant is awarded it would be used to support the ongoing USDA Pilot for Procurement of Unprocessed Fruits and Vegetables and to expand the Food Corps program into new parts of the state. Grant applications are due May 20, 2015. Grants from the USDA Farm to School program require a 25% non-federal match. The match requirement for this grant proposal would be met through Food Corps and ODA in-kind contributions.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.