

Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

6/3/19

Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and Members of the Committee:

I am a Nutrition Director with St. Helens School District 502. I am writing to ask you to support HB 2579 and the most recent Amendments, to expand funding for Oregon's Farm to School and School Garden programs. HB 2579 expands funding for schools to buy Oregon foods and for farm and garden based education.

Farm to school programs support students, farmers and communities. I have seen these programs make a difference. Our students are more connected to their food and farmers, knowing where the food is grown and produced as well as how. Students have a greater variety of local foods that support their growth and education. Farmers and communities also prosper and connect to each other.

Please do all you can to advance and fully fund HB 2579.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Misty Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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