

**SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

May 31, 2019

Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and Members of Committee:

I am the Food Service Director for Sweet Home School District. I am writing on behalf of myself and Sweet Home School District.

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2579 and the -4 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.... We have been able to use this funding to buy local products processed and/or grown in Oregon. The quality and nutritional benefits that come from buying food that isn't shipped across the country is far reaching.

It's a proven fact, that nutritious, good quality food makes all the difference in a child's ability to learn. Our district has a very high Free/Reduced percentage of students, and for many of them, our meals are their main food source.

I have been able to purchase whole grain products from Bob's Red Mill in Clackamas, and Camas Country Mill in Junction City, grass fed beef from Childer's Meats in Eugene, and Alpenrose dairy products. These products have all been paid for by the Oregon Farm to School Grant that our school district applied and received this SY 2018-2019. We have greatly appreciated the ability to buy local products!

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

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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