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**Joint Committee on
Ways and Means**

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To: Education Subcommittee
From: Tim Walker, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 12, 2019
Subject: HB 2579 – Relating to the Farm-to-School Grant Program.

The bill expands the types of entities that may receive grants from the Farm-to-School Grant Program, the purposes for which the grant may be used, the types of entities that may receive grant for food-based, agriculture-based or garden-based educational activities. The bill also directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs and to ensure that technical assistance and resources are provided to certain entities. The measure directs the Department of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with ODE to distribute funding for infrastructure and equipment.

The bill appropriates a total of \$10.35 million General Fund to ODE for the purposes of the Farm-to-School program.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A7 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A7 amendment to HB 2579. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2579, as amended by the -A7 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2579, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____