



February 6, 2026

TO: Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Oregon Organic Coalition

SUBJECT: Yes on SB 1581

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC), incorporated in 2008, works to promote the growth of Oregon's organic industry and community. By bringing together farmers, businesses, and affiliated organizations, OOC supports the industry by working to expand the organic sector, as well as build resilient regional food systems in Oregon.

OOC supports SB 1581, School Meals for All, to would ensure every student has access to breakfast and lunch at school at no cost, regardless of income. These meals are especially important during an affordability crisis.

The organic community prioritizes fairness, wellness and care, so this bill aligns with OOC values to ensure all Oregon students have access to the food they need to keep them healthy and nourished throughout the day statewide. OOC members see food access and food systems work as being different sides of the same coin, regularly making in-kind food and other donations to support greater food security and continue to do so.

We know that when we all have access to food, we're all better off. Kids do better in school and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon—in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike.

We urge your support for this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Wong", on a light gray background.

Amy Wong
Policy Director, Oregon Organic Coalition