HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3307

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 18

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after "utilization" insert "; appropriating money; and declaring an 2 emergency".

3 After line 2, insert:

4 "Whereas farm-to-school programs have been shown to result in increased market opportunities 5 for farmers, food processors and manufacturers, to support economic development and to educate 6 children and the school community about agriculture and food systems; and

7 "Whereas farm-to-school programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of 8 produce, thereby improving childhood nutrition and lessening the incidence of obesity and obesity-9 related disease; and

10 "Whereas these programs, by decreasing the distance between producer and consumer, also re-11 duce the emission of greenhouse gases and reliance on oil; and

12 "Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of Oregon children, 13 farmers, food processors, manufacturers and communities to empower schools to increase their use 14 of Oregon agricultural products in school food service programs; now, therefore,".

15 Delete lines 4 through 25 and insert:

16 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> The State Department of Agriculture shall consult with the Department 17 of Education for the purpose of helping the Department of Education develop a Farm-to-18 School program within the Department of Education. Upon the Department of Education's 19 informing the State Department of Agriculture that a Farm-to-School program has been 20 developed and implemented, the State Department of Agriculture shall provide support to the 21 program by:

"(1) Assisting school districts in identifying food products to be utilized under the program and the sources and suppliers of those identified food products;

"(2) Developing procurement strategies to utilize more Oregon food products in schools,
 including but not limited to forward contracting;

"(3) Linking ingredient suppliers with primary and secondary manufacturers in Oregon
that can meet the United States Department of Agriculture's guidelines for the National
School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program;

"(4) In collaboration with the Department of Education, adopting rules setting standards to facilitate the implementation of the Farm-to-School program, including but not limited to standards of identity; and

"(5) Performing any other functions the State Department of Agriculture deems neces sary to facilitate the success of the Farm-to-School program.

34 "<u>SECTION 2.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro 35 priated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out

1 of the General Fund, the amount of \$175,000, which may be expended for carrying out the

2 duties of the department under section 1 of this 2007 Act.

3 "<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
5 July 1, 2007.".

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