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I am a former middle school teacher and volunteer with Farm to School. This organization is so important in the Rogue Valley, as they provide experiences that many children will not otherwise be exposed to: the joys of farming, the science of the natural seasonal cycles, healthy eating, taking care of the land, outdoor cooking with fresh farm ingredients, and the camaraderie that goes along with these experiences. The young adults who provide teaching moments are role models for conservation, sustainability, and health. This program supplements the regular educational programs, but since it is on site at real farms, it is an experience that can't be duplicated in the classroom. I strongly support this bill and hope you will, too. Thank you.