

HB 2798 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates a farm-to-school program within the department of agriculture to facilitate increased procurement of Washington grown foods by the common schools.

Creates the Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate consumption of locally produced nutritious snacks in order to improve student health and expand the market for locally grown fresh produce.

Requires development of food procurement procedures and materials that facilitate the purchase of Washington grown food products by state agencies and institutions, institutions of higher education, and the common schools to the maximum extent practicable.

Creates the Washington state farmers market technology improvement pilot program to lend technological hardware to farmers markets in the department of agriculture to assist farmers markets and Washington farmers develop the capability to accept electronic payment cards, including electronic benefits transfers.

Creates the farmers to food banks pilot program.