

HB 2798-S2.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

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 Washington grown nutritious snacks in order to improve student health and expand the market for locally grown fresh produce.

Authorizes development of food procurement procedures and materials that encourage and facilitate the purchase of Washington grown food by state agencies and institutions to the maximum extent practicable.

Creates the Washington state farmers market technology improvement pilot program to lend technological hardware to farmers markets 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.