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Fresh Regional Eating for Schools and Health Act of 2011

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 16, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Fresh Regional Eating for Schools and Health Act of 2011 - Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly known as the Food Stamp Act of 1977) regarding the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP, formerly food stamp program) to: (1) authorize pilot programs that will assist SNAP beneficiaries in meeting federal nutrition guidelines and promote innovative local projects, (2) implement smartphone and tablet technology for acceptance of electronic benefit transfers, (3) require retail stores with gross annual SNAP sales in excess of \$1 million to report food purchased by program recipients to the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and (4) include qualifying online food retailers within SNAP.

Amends the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 regarding the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children program (WIC) to: (1) implement smartphone and tablet technology for acceptance of electronic benefit transfers; and (2) permit retail stores to receive alternative program training, including through videoconferencing.

Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit schools to use 50% of USDA funds for agricultural commodities to purchase locally grown food for food service programs under such Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act regarding direct agricultural real estate loans to: (1) extend eligibility to a new farmer who has obtained a baccalaureate degree related to farm management (including horticulture and agricultural business management), and (2) suspend loan time limits.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to extend operating loan eligibility to food banks and other nonprofit hunger assistance organizations.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8736-8737)
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