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EXPLANATION OF CHANGES CSHB 70 (RES) 26-LS0284/S

Changes:

1. Deleted former Section 4 of the bill which established the Alaska grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program.
2. Added the word Greenhouse and sub section d which allows schools to sell excess agricultural products to the former section 5 which is now section 4.
3. Deleted former section 6 which established the farmers' market technology improvements pilot program.
4. Deleted former section 7 which established the farmers to food banks pilot program.

Explanation of changes:

1. After examination of this section and discussions with affected departments we found that it was not feasible to establish a program such as this at this time.
2. At the request of some individuals we were asked to add the word greenhouse to this section because there are currently 6 greenhouses being operated throughout the state by different schools. The section dealing with selling excess products was added to make it clear that the schools could sell excess products.
3. The section dealing with the farmers' market technology was deleted after discussing it with DHS and determining that they are already in the works of providing such a service and asked that we remove this section.
4. The farmers to food banks pilot program was removed because after review we felt that it was not feasible to start such a program at this time.