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# EXPLANATION OF CHANGES CSHB 70 (RES)

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#### **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.