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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 298

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR LOCAL BUTCHER SHOPS TO PROCESS FARMER-OWNED LIVESTOCK.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the agriculture commissioner to seek funding under the federal Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program to enable Connecticut butcher shops to serve as U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved processors for local farmers. The funding request may include the commissioner, with the Connecticut Farm Bureau, setting up a start-up cooperative for butcher shops to serve as USDA meat processing facilities for local producers.

The USDA's Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program provides grants generally to help eligible processors expand their capacity. Entities that engage or want to engage in meat and poultry processing may apply for grants. The federal American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2) authorizes the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 1 (03/10/2023)