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SB-298

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

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact, although it requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to apply for federal grants under the federal Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program for butcher shops to serve as U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved processors for local farmers. DoAg is not anticipated to be eligible for these American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, but privately-operated, third-party meat processors and farms could be.

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) has a maximum award of \$25 million. If DoAg is eligible for this grant, the agency would likely apply for between \$10 million and \$15 million. However, the agency is not anticipated to be eligible based on the federal rules for the program. Third-party, privately-operated livestock farmers who opt to expand into processing their own meat may pursue this option to the extent the farm can be rezoned for this purpose.

Lastly, there is no fiscal impact as the program is closed to new applicants.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

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Municipal Impact: None