

ENROLLED ACT NO. 30, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to agriculture and economic development; amending the duties of the Wyoming business council to require support for Wyoming producers in the agriculture and meat processing industry; expanding permissible loans and grants to Wyoming meat producers and processors; limiting state rulemaking authority related to meat processing; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 9-12-109(b) and by creating new subsections (c) and (d), 35-7-123(a)(iii) and 35-11-112 by creating a new subsection (g) are amended to read:

9-12-109. Promotion of agriculture.

(b) The council shall meet not fewer than two (2) times per year to solicit input from industry groups, and in consultation with the economically needed diversity options for Wyoming (ENDOW) executive council the department of agriculture and the Wyoming governor's office to:

(i) ~~Develop~~ Maintain a strategy to create small regionally located ~~beef-meat~~ processing plants inspected by the United States department of agriculture or Wyoming department of agriculture and mid-to-large sized processing plants for in-state, interstate and international sales;

(ii) Market Wyoming grown or produced agricultural products in-state, regionally, nationally and internationally, through market development, trade shows and social media and other media outlets;

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(iii) Enhance the council's website to promote Wyoming grown or produced agricultural products including match making services between key food system partners;

(iv) Contingent on available funds, provide loans or grants to be used to fund infrastructure for ~~mid-sized~~ meat processing plants for international, in-state and interstate sales. Loans or grants under this paragraph shall ~~be~~

(A) ~~Limited to~~ Provide funding to create, maintain or expand infrastructure for plants processing meat products for ~~export and for~~ international, in-state or interstate sale;

(B) Be provided through a program administered by the council, including the Wyoming business ready community program, and subject to all applicable statutes and rules governing the program.

(v) Coordinate strategies to improve meat processing facilities and capabilities in Wyoming, including by providing technical assistance or expertise to assist producers and processors with constructing, maintaining, expanding, marketing and seeking federal grants and loans.

(c) Any meat processing facility receiving assistance under this section shall comply with all applicable state and federal regulations.

(d) The council shall submit a comprehensive report of the programs, objectives, activities and conditions covering the previous fiscal period to the joint

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agriculture, state and public lands and water resources
interim committee not later than October 1 annually.

35-7-123. Establishment of food safety system.

(a) The director of the department of agriculture shall establish and maintain a food safety program located within the department. The director shall carry out the provisions of the food safety program and shall be assisted by the director of the department of health. A local department of health, if established according to law, may establish and maintain its own local food safety program so long as the program meets the requirements of this act. The director of the department of agriculture or his designee shall:

(iii) Regulate the safety of foods and work together with the department of health and the governor's food safety council established pursuant to W.S. 35-7-127 to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, except that the director of the department of agriculture shall not promulgate any rules which impose standards or requirements related to meat processing which are more stringent than federal law, rules or regulations. In any area which does not have a local food safety program established pursuant to law, the department shall issue licenses, conduct inspections, hold hearings to enforce any legal provision or rule promulgated under this act;

35-11-112. Powers and duties of the environmental quality council.

(g) The council shall not promulgate any rules which impose standards or requirements related to meat processing

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which are more stringent than federal law, rules or regulations.

Section 2. The Wyoming business council may promulgate rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2021.

(b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk