

Bill No.: HB0054 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**
LSO No.: 21LSO-0242
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0030
Chapter No.: 44
Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Wyoming meat packing initiative.**
Subject: Agriculture promotion, loans and grants.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends an existing program of the Wyoming Business Council (Council) related to the promotion and development of Wyoming agriculture products. Updates to the program include:
 - Expanding marketing functions to include the promotion and marketing of all agricultural products, not just beef products;
 - Amends loan and grant criteria to allow for the creation, maintenance or expansion of infrastructure, in addition to interstate sales, for international and in-state sales;
 - Expands eligibility for loans to include all meat processors, not just beef processors, and to include any size processor, not just mid-sized processors.
- The bill requires the Council to meet at least twice yearly to solicit input from stakeholders and specified agencies. The bill also requires the Council to coordinate strategies with stakeholders and agencies to improve meat processing facilities and capabilities in the state by providing technical assistance or expertise on a variety of topics.
- The bill requires businesses receiving assistance to follow all applicable state and federal law.
- The bill creates a limitation on rule making for the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Quality Council. The bill limits both agencies' rulemaking by stating that no rules promulgated by either agency can impose stricter requirements on meat processing than corresponding federal law or regulations.

Comments:

- Requires a report; the bill requires the Council to report to the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee by October 1 each year on the programs, objectives, activities and conditions through the applicable fiscal period.

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