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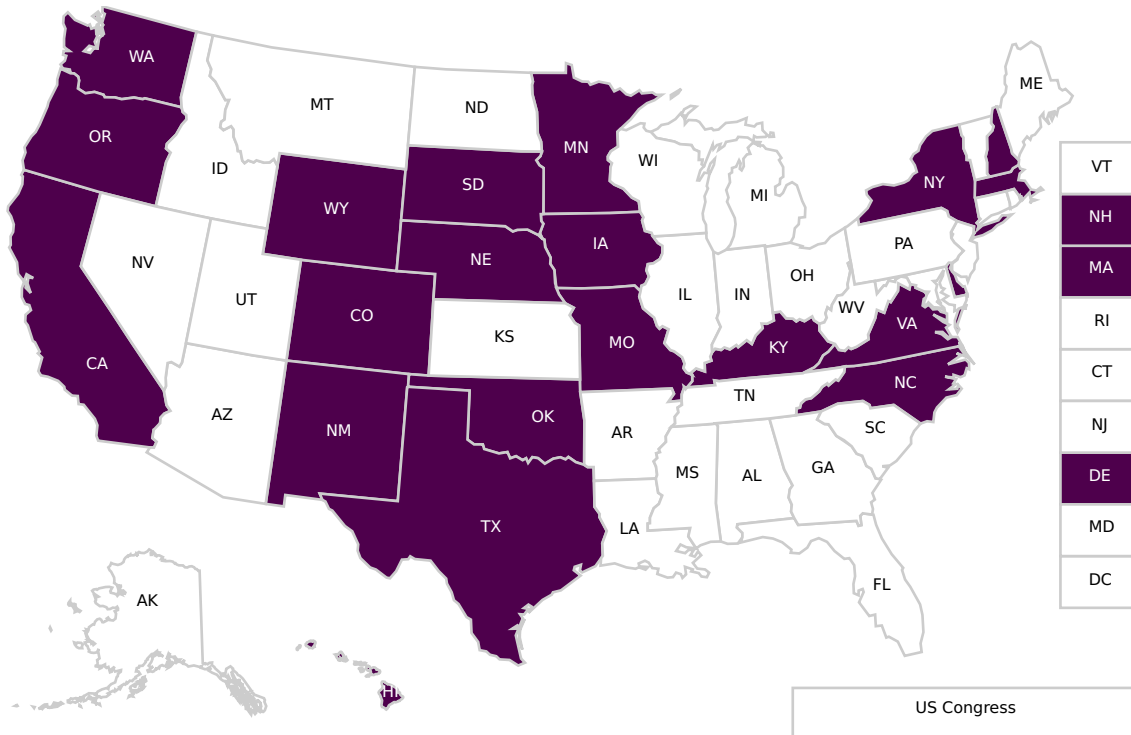
3/29 SiX Agriculture & Food Systems Legislative Update (Slaughter & Processing)

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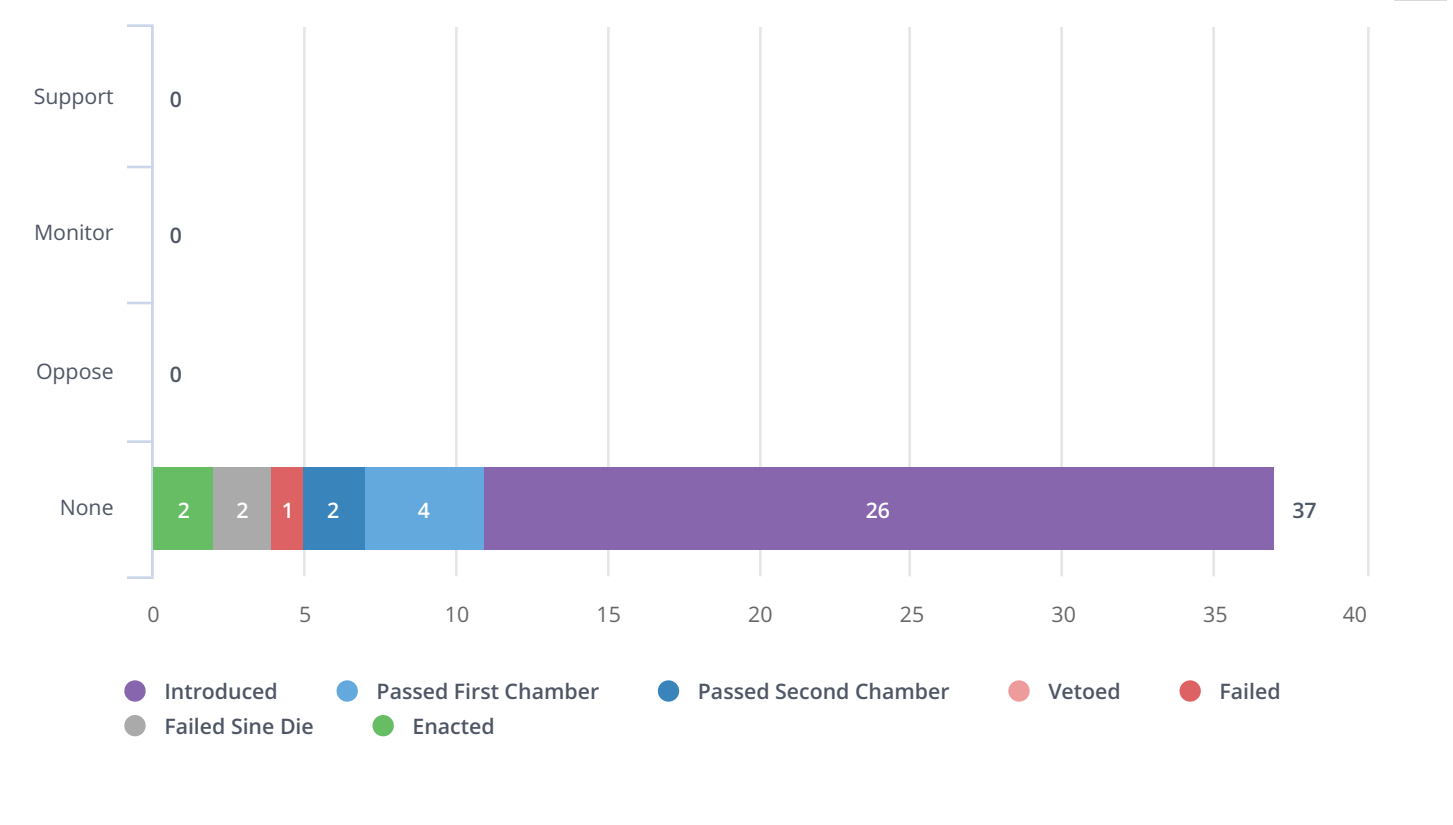
Slaughter & Meat Processing

COVID-19 has illuminated the failure of the corporate food supply chain. In response, many states are attempting to strengthen and localize their meat processing infrastructure to ensure farmers and ranchers have access to slaughter and processing and healthy local meat.

Bills by State



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Issue

2021 Food Processing Infrastructure (37)

Title

Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022.

Introduction Date: 2020-12-18

Description

AB 125, as amended, Robert Rivas. Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022. Existing law requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to promote and protect the agricultural industry of the state. Existing law under Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters. This bill would enact the Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,122,000,000, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, to finance programs related to, among other things, agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, food aid, meat processing facilities, fishing facilities, and fairgrounds. The bill would provide for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election.

Primary Sponsors

Robert Rivas

Title

Mobile slaughter operations: sheep and goats.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-17

Description

AB 888, as introduced, Levine. Mobile slaughter operations: sheep and goats. The California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to adopt, by regulation, standards and requirements relating to inspection, sanitation, facilities, equipment, reinspection, preparation, processing, buying, selling, and transporting, among other acts, for carrying out the purposes of the act. The act requires each person to be licensed before operating a meat processing establishment or a custom livestock slaughterhouse. The act does not apply in specified circumstances, including to a mobile slaughter operator who provides services to an owner of cattle, subject to specified conditions, including the condition that the person who raised the cattle and the mobile slaughter operator maintain records, as provided. A violation of the act is a misdemeanor. This bill would exempt from the licensing requirements of the act a mobile slaughter operator that provides services to an owner of sheep or goats under certain specified conditions, including, among others, that the slaughter occurs on the premises of a person who raised the sheep or goats and who is not the owner of the sheep or goats, the person who raised the sheep or goats has registered with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the meat is not for sale, and no more than 25 head of sheep or goats combined are slaughtered in a calendar month on a single premises. The bill would require a mobile slaughter operator performing these services to register with the department as an unlicensed mobile slaughterer, as prescribed, and would limit the registration fee to the department's regulatory costs, but in no event more than \$100 per year. The bill would require unlicensed slaughterers of sheep and goats pursuant to the exemption to maintain records, as prescribed, of all sheep and goats that they slaughter and to exhibit the record book on demand of any inspector or peace officer. By expanding the scope and number of possible crimes under the act to certain unlicensed slaughterers of sheep and goats that fail to comply with the act's provisions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Primary Sponsors

Marc Levine

Title

Meat processing establishment, custom livestock slaughterhouse, and poultry plants: licensing and inspectors.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-02

Description

SB 815, as introduced, Committee on Agriculture. Meat processing establishment, custom livestock slaughterhouse, and poultry plants: licensing and inspectors. The California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act requires, until January 1, 2022, each person to be licensed before operating a meat processing establishment or a custom livestock slaughterhouse and sets annual license renewal fees for custom livestock slaughterhouses and meat processing establishments. The act, until January 1, 2022, also establishes application fees for initial and renewal of licenses for livestock meat inspectors and processing inspectors. The act, until January 1, 2022, imposes a penalty on applicants for renewal who fail to pay the renewal fee by the expiration date of the meat processing establishment, custom livestock slaughterhouse, livestock meat inspector, or processing inspector license and provides cause for revocation of the license if the applicant fails to pay the renewal fee, plus the penalty, within 90 days of the license's expiration. Existing law provides for the regulation, inspection, and licensing of poultry plants and for the regulation and licensing of poultry meat inspectors. Existing law, until January 1, 2022, specifies the license application fees for a new, previously unlicensed poultry plant and for a license application submitted upon change of ownership of an existing, previously licensed poultry plant. Existing law, until January 1, 2022, requires that an application for renewal of a license of a poultry plant, accompanied by a specified renewal fee, be made on or before the expiration of the license. Existing law, until January 1, 2022, specifies the application fee for a poultry meat inspector license application and the renewal fee of that license. Existing law, until January 1, 2022, imposes a penalty of \$25 on applicants for renewal who fail to pay the renewal fee by the expiration date of the license, and provides for revocation of the license if the applicant fails to pay the renewal fee, plus the penalty, within 90 days of the license's expiration. This bill would delay the repeal of these licensing fee and inspectors' fee provisions until January 1, 2027.

Primary Sponsors

Senate Committee on Agriculture

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CO	HB 21-1062	House Committee On Agriculture Livestock Water Postpone Indefinitely 2021 02 22	Failed

Title
Deregulation Direct Sale Of Animal Shares

Introduction Date: 2021-02-16

Description

Section 1 of the bill allows a person to sell, without licensure, regulation, or inspection by a public health agency, an animal or shares of the meat of an animal for future delivery if: At the point of sale, the person displays a conspicuous disclaimer or gives the customer a document with a disclaimer indicating that the seller is not subject to licensure and the animal or meat is not subject to state regulation or inspection by a public health agency and that the animal or meat is not intended for resale; and The animal or meat is delivered directly from the seller to an informed end consumer and is sold only in Colorado and the sale does not involve interstate commerce. A person who makes a purchase under the bill is prohibited from reselling the animal or animal share. The bill clarifies that the seller is not liable in a civil action for damages caused by inadequately cooking or improperly preparing the animal or animal share. Section 2 limits the number of brand inspections for an animal share sale to a single inspection before slaughter. Each purchaser must be listed on the inspection certificate. The state board of stock inspection commissioners will promulgate rules establishing procedures for a single inspection. (Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)

Primary Sponsors

Donald Valdez, Jerry Sonnenberg

State

CO

Bill Number

SB 21-079

Last Action

Senate Considered House Amendments Result
Was To Not Concur Request Conference
Committee 2021 03 26

Status

Passed House

FN Outlook

96.8%

90.4%

Title

Deregulate Meat Sales Direct To Consumers

Introduction Date: 2021-02-16

Description

Section 1 of the bill allows a person to sell, without licensure, regulation, or inspection by a public health agency, poultry meat, rabbit meat or fish meat if the animal was raised by the seller and to sell shares in the meat of an animal, which includes cattle, calves, sheep, poultry, hogs, bison, goats, and rabbits, and fish, for future delivery if: The person displays, at the point of sale, a conspicuous disclaimer, or gives the purchaser a document with a disclaimer, that: The seller is not licensed and the animals or meat are not subject to state regulation or inspection by a public health agency; and The animals or meat are not intended for resale; and The animals or meat are delivered directly from the seller to an informed end consumer and are sold only in Colorado. and the sale does not involve interstate commerce. The purchaser is prohibited from reselling the animal or meat. The bill clarifies that the seller is not liable in a civil action for damages caused by inadequately cooking or improperly preparing the animal or meat for consumption. Section 2 limits the number of brand inspections for an animal share sale to a single inspection before slaughter. Each purchaser must be listed on the inspection certificate. The state board of stock inspection commissioners will promulgate rules establishing procedures for a single inspection. (Note: Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.) (Note: This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.)

Primary Sponsors

Jerry Sonnenberg, Rod Pelton, Donald Valdez

Title

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CREDITS.

Introduction Date: 2020-12-18

Description

Delaware, like the rest of the country and the world, has been struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic since March of 2020. The worst outbreaks have occurred in facilities where people live and/or work in tight communal settings – long-term care facilities, prisons, and meat processing plants. There is no real way to prevent an outbreak and the spread of a highly contagious disease inside a prison where inmates share cells, communal recreation and dining spaces, and in some instances reside in large bunk rooms. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely disrupted the operations of the prisons as they struggle with staff shortages due to illness and quarantines, and curtail activities to reduce opportunities for community spread within the prison. This bill seeks to address both the COVID-19 pandemic as well as any future public health emergency that impacts prison operations and conditions by creating a “public health emergency credit” that would automatically be awarded when a public health emergency is declared. Credits would be awarded at the rate of 6 months for every month served during the public health emergency up to a maximum reduction in sentence of 1 year. This has the practical effect of moving forward release dates for inmates whose release would come within the next year regardless of the emergency. This will reduce the prison population in an orderly and fair manner, relieving pressure on staff and creating better conditions for those inmates who remain incarcerated to socially distance and control the spread of infectious disease. By applying additional credit towards sentence completion, this legislation also recognizes that the conditions of confinement during a public health emergency like the current one can be considered significantly more punishing – since visitation, communications, programming, and recreation are all significantly negatively impacted by the emergency conditions and modifications to operations.

Primary Sponsors

Mimi Minor-Brown, Marie Pinkney, Sherry Dorsey Walker, Rae Moore

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HI	HB 1206	The Committee S On Agr Recommend S That The Measure Be Deferred 2021 02 05	In House	36.4% 70.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-27
Relating To Food Security.

Description
Initiates reporting requirements and safeguards to prevent anti-competitive practices in the meat processing industry.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Hashem, Troy Hashimoto, Daniel Holt, Greggor Ilagan, Jeanne Kapela, Matt LoPresti, Nicole Lowen, John Mizuno, Dee Morikawa, Mark Nakashima, Amy Perruso, Adrian Tam, David Tarnas, Chris Todd, Tina Wildberger, Kyle Yamashita

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HI	SB 692	The Committee On Aen Deferred The Measure 2021 02 17	In Senate	2.4% 71.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-22
Relating To Food Security.

Description
Initiates reporting requirements and safeguards to prevent anti-competitive practices in the meat processing industry.

Primary Sponsors
Lorraine Inouye

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IA	HF 670	Committee Report Approving Bill Renumbered As Hf 787 2021 03 08	In House	3.9% 77.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-23
A bill for an act establishing a butchery innovation and revitalization fund and program to be administered by the economic development authority and creating a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing a community college artisanal butchery program.(See HF 787.)

Primary Sponsors
Chad Ingels

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IA	HF 787	Subcommittee Recommends Passage Vote Total 3 0 2021 03 16	In House	5.7% 77.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-08

A bill for an act establishing a butchery innovation and revitalization fund and program to be administered by the economic development authority and creating a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal butchery program at a community college or at an institution governed by the state board of regents.(Formerly HF 670.)

Primary Sponsors

Chad Ingels

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
KY	HB 516	To Committee On Committees H 2021 02 11	In House	6.3% 75.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

AN ACT relating to poultry.

Description

Create a new section of KRS 217.005 to 217.215 to allow certain USDA-exempted poultry processors to sell to end consumers on a farm, at a farmers market, through delivery, or at a roadside stand.

Primary Sponsors

Savannah Maddox, Josh Bray, William Lawrence

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MA	HD 4085	None		92.2% 79.1%

Title
An Act to support infrastructure needs for livestock farmers

Primary Sponsors

Natalie Blais

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MA	SD 1261	None		4.8% 81.3%

Title
An Act relative to supporting geographically isolated small farms

Primary Sponsors

Julian Cyr

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MN	HF 2316	Author Added Pelowski 2021 03 25	In House	19.6% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-18

Meat cutting and butchery training grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Primary Sponsors

John Poston, Gene Pelowski

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MN	SF 876	Author Added Tomassoni 2021 02 17	In Senate	4.5% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

Temporary custom meat processors exemption from licensure and inspection requirements authorization

Primary Sponsors

Torrey Westrom, Jason Rarick, Justin Eichorn, Dave Tomassoni

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MN	SF 1598	Referred To Labor And Industry Policy 2021 03 01	In Senate	3.2% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-01

Safe Workplaces for Meat and Poultry Processing Workers Act

Primary Sponsors

Aric Putnam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MN	SF 2196	Referred To Agriculture And Rural Development Finance And Policy 2021 03 18	In Senate	4.9% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-18

Meat cutting and butchery training appropriation

Primary Sponsors

Carrie Ruud, John Hoffman, Jason Rarick, Bill Weber, Dave Tomassoni

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MO	SB 355	Hearing Conducted S Economic Development Committee 2021 02 23	In Senate	4.0% 66.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-07

Extends the sunset of the Meat Processing Facility Investment Tax Credit

Primary Sponsors

Denny Hoskins

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NC	HB 182	Ref To The Com On Agriculture If Favorable Marine Resources And Aqua Culture If Favorable Appropriations If Favorable Rules Calendar And Operations Of The House 2021 03 01	In House	20.9% 89.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-25
Increasing Meat Production and Capacity.

Primary Sponsors
Jeff McNeely, Karl Gillespie, Bobby Hanig, Jeffrey Elmore

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NC	HB 196	Ch SI 2021 3 2021 03 11	Enacted

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-01
2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.

Primary Sponsors
John Faircloth, Dana Bumgardner, Kyle Hall, Larry Strickland

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NE	LB 235	Notice Of Hearing For February 02 2021 2021 01 25	In Legislature	0.0% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-11
State intent regarding implementation of a meat processing establishment inspection program

Primary Sponsors
Tom Brewer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NH	HB 437	Committee Report Ought To Pass With Amendment 2021 0404 H Vote 19 0 Cc 2021 02 18	In House	90.0% 59.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-10
establishing a committee to study the implementation of the meat inspection program.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Comtois

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	HB 121	Hawc Reported By Committee With Do Pass Recommendation 2021 02 09	Failed sine die

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-19
MEAT PROCESSING & MARKETING PROGRAM

Primary Sponsors

Jackey Chatfield, Missy Armstrong, Rebecca Dow, Randy Crowder, Martin Zamora

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	SB 173	Sconc Reported By Committee With Do Pass Recommendation 2021 02 17	Failed sine die

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-31
MEAT PROCESSING PROGRAM

Primary Sponsors

Pat Woods

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NY	A 6391	Referred To Agriculture 2021 03 17	In Assembly	3.2% 83.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-17
Establishes the NY food insecurity, farm resiliency and rural poverty initiative; repealer; appropriation

Description

Establishes the NY food insecurity, farm resiliency and rural poverty initiative to provide financial assistance in the form of matching grants, hiring assistance, purchasing assistance, tax credits, tax exemptions, and reimbursements.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Tague

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NY	S 5941	Referred To Finance 2021 03 23	In Senate	5.0% 62.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-23
Establishes the NY food insecurity, farm resiliency and rural poverty initiative; repealer; appropriation

Description

Establishes the NY food insecurity, farm resiliency and rural poverty initiative to provide financial assistance in the form of matching grants, hiring assistance, purchasing assistance, tax credits, tax exemptions, and reimbursements.

Primary Sponsors

George Borrello

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
OK	HB 1646	Second Reading Referred To Agriculture And Rural Development 2021 02 02	In House	2.5% 55.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-01
Agriculture; requiring certain inspector present during slaughtering, processing, or butchering of cattle or bison; effective date.

Primary Sponsors
J.J. Humphrey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
OK	SB 762	Second Reading Referred To Agriculture And Wildlife 2021 02 02	In Senate	42.8% 73.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-01
Intrastate meat processors; on-site inspections; technology; criteria; standards. Effective date. Emergency.

Primary Sponsors
David Bullard

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
OR	HB 2785	Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference 2021 03 16	In House	10.7% 55.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-11
Relating to meat inspection; prescribing an effective date.

Description
Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish grant program to fund upgrades to establishments expected to operate under program of state meat inspection, construction of new establishments expected to operate under program of state meat inspection and expansion of certain establishments that operate under program of federal inspection. Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish grant program to fund upgrades to establishments expected to operate under program of state meat inspection, construction of new establishments expected to operate under program of state meat inspection and expansion of certain establishments that operate under program of federal inspection. Appropriates moneys to department out of General Fund for purpose of funding grant program. Sunsets grant program on January 2, 2027. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Primary Sponsors
David Smith, Mark Owens

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
SD	HB 1040	House Of Representatives Tabled Passed Yeas 64 Nays 4 H J 401 2021 02 25	In Senate	30.7% 78.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-12

Make an appropriation to fund certain small meat processor grants and to declare an emergency.

Primary Sponsors

House Committee on Appropriations

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
TX	SB 867	Read First Time 2021 03 11	In Senate	4.7% 53.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-01

Relating to an animal share exemption for certain meat and meat food products.

Primary Sponsors

Drew Springer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	HB 1353	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0318 2020 03 12	Enacted

Title Introduction Date: 2020-01-08

Federal acts; meat and poultry.

Description

Federal acts; meat and poultry. Updates existing Code references to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

Primary Sponsors

Wendy Gooditis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
WA	HB 1102	First Reading Referred To Rural Development Agriculture Natural Resources 2021 01 11	In House	2.6% 79.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-07

Establishing an intrastate meat inspection program.

Primary Sponsors

Jim Walsh

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5045	Referred To Appropriations 2021 03 26	In House	35.8% 81.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2020-12-30
Establishing a state meat and poultry inspection program.

Primary Sponsors
Judy Warnick

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5300	Referred To Rules 2 Review 2021 03 22	In House	44.2% 75.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-20
Prohibiting the feeding of garbage to swine.

Primary Sponsors
Kevin Van De Wege

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
WY	HB 51	S Introduced And Referred To S 05 Agriculture 2021 03 25	In Senate	86.4% 78.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-08
Meat processing programs.

Description
AN ACT relating to the emergency expenses of government; authorizing a governmental program related to expanding and enhancing meat processing capabilities; providing for an appropriation; providing a sunset date for the program; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

Primary Sponsors
Joint Committee on Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
WY	HB 54	Assigned Number Hea No 0030 2021 03 26	Passed Senate	80.8% 78.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-08
Wyoming meat packing initiative.

Description
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.

Primary Sponsors
Joint Committee on Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources

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