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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 290
SHORT TITLE: Certified Local Farm and Fish - Reporting Requirement - Alterations

MDA POSITION: Support

SB 290- - This proposed legislation alters the reporting date on which a report pertaining to waivers under this Program is to be submitted to the BPW; and altering the date on which the BPW is to submit a record stemming from this report to certain legislative committees. Currently, for the Certified Local Farm and Fish program, MDA needs to report state agencies\universities waiver requests to BPW by *July 30* and state agencies\universities food purchase reports are due to MDA by *Sept 30*.

Background:

The Department would like to make the waiver request report and the program report due on the same date and alter the due date to December 31st of each year. It will be more streamlined and efficient for staff.

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