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

Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

SB 290 alters the reporting date on which a report pertaining to waivers under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program (CLFFP) is to be submitted to the Board of Public Works (BPW). It alters the date on which the BPW is to submit a record stemming from this report to certain legislative committees. Currently, for the CLFFP, MDA needs to report waiver requests from state agencies or institutions to the BPW by *July 30th* and state agency\institution food purchase reports are due to MDA by *Sept 30*.

SB 290 would allow the Department 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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