

**SB 5004-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) The loss of livestock slaughter and meat processing facilities inspected by United States department of agriculture personnel has significantly impeded local meat production in many regions of the state;

(2) Promoting United States department of agriculture-inspected mobile slaughtering units, capable of visiting farms and ranches to humanely and inexpensively slaughter livestock, and United States department of agriculture-inspected livestock slaughtering and meat processing facilities that provide cutting and wrapping services can assist in reviving local meat production; and

(3) Clarifying that rural economic development projects seeking funding for these units and facilities are eligible for loans from the rural Washington loan fund will promote local meat production and reinvigorate rural economies.

Requires the director of the department of community, trade, and economic development to consider applications for rural economic development projects, including proposals to fund mobile slaughtering units and local slaughtering and meat processing facilities that operate in compliance with the federal meat inspection act.