

Chapter 43

School Nutrition Pilot Project

STATEMENT OF REASONS

During the 2017 General Session, SEA0052 established a grant program for school districts to increase consumption of Wyoming meat as part of local school lunch programs. This act authorized the Wyoming Department of Education to provide for a grant program and required the rulemaking associated with this act.

The bill allows the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to increase financial assistance to the schools beginning next school year (2017-18) in order to pay for processing costs for Wyoming meat that is donated to school districts. Districts must apply to the WDE for this assistance no later than June 15, 2017. The WDE sent a request to the Governor's Office for permission to promulgate emergency rules on May 10, 2017. The promulgation of regular rules will allow the public to provide comment on the proposed rules while the emergency rules are in place.