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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1084

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 18, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1084 provides a court procedure for a county to obtain regular payments for the maintenance, care and disposition of any pet animals or equines seized by a sheriff while a case is pending against a defendant for the mistreatment of such animals.

Under current law, if a defendant is found guilty of any offense against an animal, the sentencing court may order the defendant to “reimburse a public or private agency for the expenses incurred with the care, impoundment, or disposal...of an animal” involved in the original offense. However, the cost for maintaining and caring for pet animals and equines while a case is pending can become a financial burden to a county. LB 1084 relieves this burden by providing the county with a means for obtaining financial support from a defendant for taking care of such animals until which time the case becomes final.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Russ Karpisek