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LB 241

Revision: 01

Revised based upon amendments adopted.

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 241 as amended would revise provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Act. It would provide additional definitions regarding the premises of a commercial dog or cat operation, would allow the Department to issue stop-movement orders, would provide additional guidance regarding inspections of premises and records and would require the maintenance of veterinary care plans by commercial breeders, dealers and pet shops, animal control facilities, animal shelters and boarding kennels. It is estimated that the statutory revisions contained in LB 241 could be implemented by the Department of Agriculture using existing budgetary and staffing resources.

An amendment adopted to LB 241 would establish the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act. The act would become operative on January 1, 2010. The Act would establish procedures for retail purchasers of dogs or cats to recover veterinary fees or purchase costs or to receive another animal in exchange if the animal purchased was determined unfit for sale by a licensed veterinarian. In the event of noncompliance by a pet shop, commercial breeder, casual breeder or dealer, the retail purchaser would be allowed to initiate court proceedings. Because it is unknown how many, if any, court actions would be filed, any fiscal impact upon the judicial system as a result of the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act is indeterminable.