

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

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

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

LB 677 would amend sections of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. A limitation would be placed upon the number of unaltered dogs over the age of 4 months owned by a commercial breeder and statutory guidelines would be established regarding housing facilities, veterinary examinations of unaltered dogs and procedures such as ear cropping, tail docking, debarking and surgical births.

If some commercial breeders cease operations because of the 75 animal limit and more extensive requirements for animal housing, there could be a reduction in total program revenue. The Department of Agriculture estimates that there may be a \$6,000 reduction in cash fund revenue as a result of fewer commercial breeder registrations or the downsizing of operations. The loss of cash fund revenue could result in lower total program expenditures or, as proposed by the Department, the need to replace lost cash fund revenue with General Funds. However, if fewer commercial breeding facilities are in operation, the lost revenue will be offset by lower expenditures as a result of fewer inspections. Because the exact loss of revenue and the overall nature of the program workload can not be determined until LB 677 is implemented, the replacement of lost cash funds with General Funds would be premature.

The Department of Agriculture may spend additional staff time conducting more detailed inspection of facilities, including temperature measurements, inspections of alarms and sprinkler systems, and determining if animal-to-kennel size requirements are met. In addition, the Department would spend additional time reviewing breeder veterinary records to determine that unaltered animals received veterinary examinations and that ear cropping, tail docking, debarking and surgical births were carried out under anesthesia. It is anticipated that the Department could carry out these functions with existing staff.