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LB 634

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES * | | | | | | |
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| | FY 2007-08 | | FY 2008-09 | | | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | | |
| GENERAL FUNDS | See below | | See below | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | See below | | See below | | | |

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

LB 634 would establish the Feedlot Statutory Trust Act. The Department of Agriculture would be allowed to institute legal action, or intervene in any legal proceeding, for the beneficiaries of a trust created by a feedlot operator under the provisions of the act. Because LB 634 permits, rather than mandates, action by the Department of Agriculture and it is not known how many actions would require legal action or intervention by the agency, the fiscal impact of LB 634 is somewhat uncertain. The Department of Agriculture's estimate assumes that 10 to 20 cases could occur in a year, and that costs associated with staff involvement, travel and operating costs could total \$41,000 to \$82,000 annually. If existing agency staff is used for some of the activities, some of the fiscal impact could be absorbed by the existing budget; a higher caseload and a greater degree of agency involvement may require additional funding for program costs. Because the bill does not create a mechanism for the agency to recoup its expenses, it is estimated that all costs would come from the General Fund.

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| COMMENTS | | | |

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE – This bill allows for discretion by the director, thus, there is no basis to dispute agency review.