

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 7 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Clem
Nays: Wingard
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies definition of “estrays animal” to mean cattle or equines that are unlawfully running at large or being permitting to do so, or that are found to be trespassing on land enclosed by an adequate fence. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt rules establishing a fee for determining the adequacy of fencing to compensate the department for reasonable costs of the determination. Changes content of notice by person taking up estrays animal to eliminate statutory inconsistency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Brand Program
- Fee increase paid by livestock owners to cover costs of ODA’s service
- Applicable only cattle and equine because only these owners pay into the program
- Rulemaking to establish fee to reimburse costs of ODA checking fence adequacy and helping resolve disputes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies definition of “estrays animal” to mean cattle or equines that are unlawfully running at large or being permitting to do so, or that are found to be trespassing on land enclosed by an adequate fence.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3417 A is designed to help reduce the overall cost of the Brand Program in order to avoid an increase in the inspection fee and continue the Program.