

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a process for veterinary facilities to remove a domestic animal if the owner does not retake possession of it. Allows the unclaimed animal to be placed with a rescue group or shelter or be adopted. Allows animal to be euthanized if placement and adoption are not reasonable options. Modifies the lien law for domestic animals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulty in using the lien process with pets
- Will facilitate adoption of pets

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, a lien is automatically attached to a dog or cat when the owner takes it to a veterinary facility. If the veterinarian claims a lien for any unpaid costs, the practice must retain the animal for at least 15 days after the lien attaches and before the foreclosure process can begin. The foreclosure ends with the sale of the animal. House Bill 3111 A gives veterinarian facilities a new option in addition to modifying the lien law.