

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 17 – 7 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays: Freeman, Garrard, McLane, Thatcher, Whisnant

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Nelson, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Verger, Whitsett

Exc: Monroe

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Agriculture (ODA) to charge annual permit fee to confined animal feeding operations (CAFO). Establishes tiered annual fee system: \$100 for small CAFOs, \$200 for medium CAFOs and \$300 for large CAFOs. Directs that definition of “small,” “medium” and “large” CAFO be set in administrative rule. Specifies that if bill takes effect after May 15, 2011, ODA must issue a supplemental billing for additional fees owed. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fee proposal the product of a interim work group

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A confined animal feeding operation, commonly referred to as a “CAFO,” is an operation where animals are kept and raised in confined situations. Feed is brought to the animals rather than the animals grazing on or otherwise seeking feed in pastures, fields or on rangeland. The current CAFO \$25 permit fee has been in place for 25 years.

The bill would establish a tiered annual fee system for CAFOs based on the number of animals at a particular facility.