

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Beyer, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Kotek, Olson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 2/16, 2/20, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits up to six training classes per day, of up to ten dogs per class, and testing of up to sixty dogs up to four times per year, regardless of breed, as a conditional permitted use on land zoned exclusively for farm use (EFU land). Removes separate provision specific to raising greyhounds from definition of farm use. Excludes commercial boarding kennels.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Differences in interpretation of land use law from county to county
- Difficulty and financial hardship for dog trainers/testers attempting to comply
- Limitations reached as a result of compromise of interested parties
- Written in such a way as to prevent being construed to allow any new structures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits dog training and testing on EFU land as conditional permitted use, rather than as an outright permitted farm use. Limits classes to six per day. Removes raising greyhounds from special tax assessment provisions applicable to farm use, in conformity with removal from provisions defining farm use. Changes “agricultural” building to “farm” building.

BACKGROUND: Land zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU land) is land designated by counties for agricultural purposes. Over time, both farm-related and non farm-related uses have been allowed on EFU land. For example, current law permits greyhounds to be raised and trained for racing as an outright use on EFU land. House Bill 4170A removes raising greyhounds as an outright use, and instead permits dog training and testing, regardless of breed, on a relatively small scale, as a conditional use.