

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 2/28

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. Permits dog training classes or testing trials to be conducted outdoors or in preexisting farm buildings in areas zoned for exclusive farm use. Removes separate provision specific to raising greyhounds from definition of farm use. Excludes commercial boarding kennels.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- County interpretations of state land use laws
- Types and sizes of training, herding and field trials
- Court cases related to permitted activities on land zoned exclusively for farm use
- Limitations on training classes, class size and frequency of testing reached by stakeholders
- Statutory definition of animal husbandry
- Clarification that training or testing trials can occur outdoors or in preexisting farm building
- Potential impact of specifying dog breeds in statutes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits dog training classes or testing trials to be conducted outdoors or in preexisting farm buildings in area zoned for exclusive farm use.

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 4170-B 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.