

SB 255

Relating to registration fees for products used to treat animals

SB 255 increases the statutory cap on the Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Products Registration fee from \$75 to \$150. Veterinary products registration fees and Animal Health Laboratory fees are the sole source of Other Funds revenue for the Animal Health program. The current fee is set at the maximum \$75. The cap was last increased to \$75 in 2003.

The Department estimates it may have to raise the fee during the 2015-17 biennium. No revenue from this increase is assumed in the Co-Chair budget for the Department of Agriculture. If the Department were to raise fees during the 2015-17 biennium they would either need to have this fee revenue approved in the 2016 session or submit a fee ratification bill during the 2017 session.

You Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 255 be reported out do pass.