

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised based on amendments adopted.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	266,929		200,929	
CASH FUNDS		18,250 to 20,000		18,250 to 20,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	266,929	18,250 to 20,000	200,929	18,250 to 20,000

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 12 as amended would revise provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. The Department of Agriculture would be required to annually inspect all licensed facilities once every 24 months and would be authorized to assess administrative fines of not more than \$5,000 for any violation of the act. LB 12 also makes revisions to the way that the Department would establish the annual license fee assessment – the fee would be based upon the number of dogs and cats served by a licensee, but if dogs and cats are not served, a flat license fee would be charged. This provision may have some impact upon revenues in the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Cash Fund, but it is not anticipated to be significant.

LB 12 would increase the workload to Department of Agriculture by requiring inspections every 24 months; currently inspections are permissive in nature, and the program is staffed to accommodate such a workload. In FY05-06, 1 FTE staff performed 130 inspections. Because a total of 685 facilities are licensed, it is estimated that an additional 3 field staff positions would be required, along with additional funding for administrative support staff, operating, travel expenses and first-year equipment expenses. Field staff positions that would be added to support the functions authorized by LB 12 include: 1 FTE Veterinary Field Officer and 2 FTE Agricultural Inspection Specialists. Total additional expenditures as a result of LB 12 total \$266,929 General Funds in FY07-08 and \$200,929 General Funds in FY08-09.

It is estimated that the existing cash fund expenditure authority is adequate to allow the agency to expend additional revenue received as a result of LB 12.

LB 12 also allows the Department of Agriculture to temporarily reassign Commercial Dog and Cat program inspectors to other activities and functions of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the event of a livestock or public health emergency. There would be no impact to the program as a result of this provision except in the event of a livestock health emergency.