



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Reimbursement for damages caused by dogs and the use of funds derived from the licensing of dogs					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department cannot determine what the impact on local government would be. Since many factors are involved the department does not have enough information available to analyze the aggregate impact.

Some of these factors include:

1. Not all counties pay the same for dog damage claims. Some do not pay them at all, others set maximum limits for payment, and some pay as long as funds are available.
2. Dog licenses fees vary by county. The amount that 25% would be varies across each county.
3. Current statutes require that excess funds are provided to the local county humane society or pound where the services are contracted to them. In the case there is no such entity or contract, it is proportionately reimbursed to the local governments. The change would impact each jurisdiction differently in regards to monies provided to local governments and humane societies and pounds.

This bill appears to streamline the dog damage claim process, but again the aggregate impact to local governments is indeterminate because of the disparate make-up of counties.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications