

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1270

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Orrock

**3. Committee:** Passed the House.

**4. Title:** Companion animal care advisory committee established.

**5. Summary:** This engrossed bill requires the State Veterinarian to establish a seven-member advisory committee by January 1, 2017, to make recommendations and serve as a resource in the development of policies related to the care and treatment of companion animals by public and private animal shelters.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, similar workgroups have been convened to address the care and treatment of companion animals. Based on past experience, the department believes that to implement this bill, the agency will contract with a professional facilitator to mediate the committee meetings to encourage productivity. It is anticipated that the cost associated with such a contract can be absorbed in current resources. The Department of Health Professions does not anticipate an impact as a result of this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Department of Health Professions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.