

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB340

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Private animal shelter; a facility operates for purpose of finding permanent homes for animals.

5. Summary: This bill requires the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations that establish the purposes of private animal shelters. In developing the regulations, the Board is to consider among other things: (i) a requirement that the organization operating the shelter submit to the state veterinarian the governing documents of the organization, (ii) the criteria to be used by the shelters for accepting or denying the acceptance of the animal into the facility, (iii) the operating policies of the organization, and (iv) the number of adoptions completed and other dispositions, including the reasons for euthanasia. The bill requires that any regulation that is adopted ensure that no private animal shelter be prohibited from operating solely on the basis of the number of adoptions completed.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any costs associated with the development and adoption of regulations provided for in this bill can be absorbed in current resources by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.