

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB476

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

**2. Patron:** Fariss

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses.

**4. Title:** Submission of animal intake policy.

**5. Summary:** This bill requires that all animal control officers, humane investigators, custodians of animal shelters and all other releasing agencies submit a copy of their agency's intake policy to the State Veterinarian on an annual basis.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The impact of this bill is indeterminate. The bill requires that all animal control officers, humane investigators, custodians of animal shelters and other releasing agencies submit a copy of their intake policy to the State Veterinarian on an annual basis. The bill does not require that the intake policy be submitted with the animal custody record summary. The collection of intake policies from approximately 370 agencies outside of an established process and database may result in increased personnel and administrative costs. Resources may also be required to prepare annual mailings, respond to inquiries, provide training on submission of mandated documents, enforce submission requirements, and respond to record requests. At this time, however, the impact cannot be determined.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.