

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1087

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Boysko

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor.

**4. Title:** Animal research.

**5. Summary:** This bill prohibits the appropriation or award of state general funds to any organization, whether public or private, to directly fund any medically unnecessary scientific or medical research that causes significant pain or distress to a dog or cat.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) classifies animal research in four “Categories of Pain and Distress (B, C, D and E).” Institutions of higher education conducting research that falls within the four categories must report annually. When completing the report, researchers must assign each animal species listed to one of the four categories of pain/distress that apply to the animal at any time while on the protocol.

According to selected public institutions of higher education with extensive research programs, Category E research using cats and dogs is not currently underway at these institutions. However, advances in research projects are difficult to predict, so it is unknown if the institutions might pursue future research projects that may involve cats and dogs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Public institutions of higher education.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.