

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1381

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Definition of private animal shelter.

5. Summary: This bill clarifies that the purpose of a private animal shelter is to find permanent adoptive homes and facilitate other lifesaving outcomes for animals.

This revised fiscal impact statement reflects revised information from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regarding potential workload changes to the department, and the fiscal impact to localities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the bill may have a fiscal impact to localities. The bill limits the role of private animal shelters to finding permanent adoptive homes and facilitating lifesaving outcomes for animals, and may result in an increase in municipal shelter populations. According to VDACS, private animal shelters may choose to no longer accept medically or behaviorally challenging animals, and as a result the population of animals in municipal shelters may increase. Also, concerns about euthanasia rates may lead private animal shelters to terminate contracts with localities to operate as municipal animal shelters.

Preliminary analysis anticipated that the bill would not have a fiscal impact on VDACS. However, the department may experience workload increases associated with providing technical and other assistance to localities if the relationships between private and public shelters are altered. At this time, the fiscal impact of any workload changes is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.