

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB268

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: Chafin

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Animal disease violations.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to assess civil penalties not to exceed \$1,000 per violation in lieu of criminal penalties for violations of the laws controlling livestock and poultry diseases and shooting enclosures, with the exception of violations of regulations to prevent and control avian influenza in the live-bird marketing system, which remain subject to both criminal and existing civil penalties. The bill designates moneys generated from any such civil penalties to be deposited into the Livestock and Poultry Disease Fund (the Fund), created by the bill. Moneys in the Fund are to be disbursed to control the spread of infectious diseases among animals. The bill contains technical amendments that reorganize the penalty provisions of Chapter 60 into a single new article.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill establishes the Livestock and Poultry Disease Fund, to be funded with civil penalties as prescribed in the provisions of the bill. At this time, the number of civil penalties issued and the resulting revenue 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.