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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Duran; Soper Sen. Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	House Agriculture
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Bill Topic: CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR DOG & CAT PURCHASERS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill prohibits pet stores licensed after the bill's effective date from selling cats or dogs and requires pet stores that are licensed to sell cats or dogs to provide specific information about the animals and their breeders to consumers. This will increase workload on an ongoing basis and may increase state revenue.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits pet stores licensed after the bill's effective date from selling cats or dogs. Pet stores that are licensed to sell cats or dogs prior to the bill's effective date are required to:

- include the purchase price and breeder license numbers for the dog or cat in all advertising;
- post on the enclosure of the dog or cat, the animal's purchase price and detailed information on its breeder; and
- provide a disclosure to a prospective customer including the purchase price, financing information, breeder license numbers, and all violations of federal or state law received by the breeder, broker, or transporter of the dog or cat in the previous two years.

A local government can enact laws more stringent than this bill including prohibiting the sale of cats or dogs.

State Revenue

This bill may result in an increase in revenue to the General Fund. If a pet store violates the provisions of the bill, it will be subject to a penalty or cease and desist order by the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) program. Penalties collected are subject to TABOR. The fiscal note assumes that pet stores will comply with the law and that any increase in General Fund revenue will be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase the workload of the PACFA Program in the Department of Agriculture. PACFA staff will confirm that the provisions of the bill are being met when conducting inspections of pet stores. PACFA staff will take action if necessary to enforce violations of the bill. This workload increase can be accomplished with existing appropriations.

TABOR refunds. Under the December 2020 LCS Economic and Revenue Forecast, the state is not expected to collect revenue above the TABOR limit in either FY 2021-22 or FY 2022-23, and refund obligations are not anticipated for these years. This bill does not change these expectations concerning refunds to taxpayers.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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