

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB62ER

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Campbell

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

**4. Title:** Animal Cruelty Conviction List; established.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows any locality to establish, organize, and maintain a computerized animal cruelty registry database for those convicted of (i) cruelty to animals (ii) animal fighting; (iii) maiming, killing, or poisoning an animal; or (iv) killing or injuring a police animal. The bill allows the locality or local police department to remove a person's name and information from the registry database 15 years after the violation that warranted inclusion in the registry if the person has no additional felony conviction.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill does not require any locality to establish an animal cruelty registry instead saying that they may establish an animal cruelty registry. Therefore, there is no impact on the state. The impact on localities is unknown at this time, but any impact on localities would need to be absorbed by the locality since the bill clearly states that all costs to establish, organize, and maintain a locality's animal cruelty registry shall be borne by such locality.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Localities and local law enforcement agencies.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.