HB13-1231

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT

TITLE: CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST ROUTINE TAIL DOCKING OF DAIRY CATTLE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: December 1, 2013, unless a referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the practice of docking the tails of dairy cattle. It does allow tail docking if the procedure is performed for a therapeutic purpose by a veterinarian using anesthetic. It is an affirmative defense to an alleged violation that the tail of a dairy cow was docked prior to the effective date of the bill. A person who violates the bill's provisions commits a class 2 petty offense, subject to a fine not to exceed $500.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal note assumes that any enforcement actions taken against a person who performs a prohibited tail docking will occur at the local level. These are expected to be few in number, generating a minimal amount of penalty revenue and not requiring additional law enforcement resources.

Departments Contacted

Agriculture   Public Health and Environment