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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee On Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB174 by Estes (Relating to the control of stray bison and other estrays.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to include stray bison in the definition of “estrays;” and would define “perilous condition.” A sheriff or a sheriff’s designee would be authorized to immediately impound or dispose of an estray without notifying the owner if the estray poses a danger to the public or a perilous condition exists as defined by the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

There would be costs to a sheriff’s office that impounded or disposed of an estray; however, the amounts would vary depending on the number of incidences that occurred in a locality and the costs associated with impoundment or disposition of an estray.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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