

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1529 – SB 2529**

February 8, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture or a qualified agent of the Commissioner instead of a county agriculture extension agent to conduct livestock cruelty examinations.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The FY15-16 Governor's budget included \$363,000 in recurring and \$81,000 in one-time funding for five animal welfare positions for livestock animal abuse investigations pursuant to Public Chapter 427 of the Public Acts of 2015, Section 58, Item 1. However, the additional positions were not recognized in the FY15-16 budget.
- The Governor's recommended budget for FY16-17, on page B-307, adds the five full-time positions to the Animal Welfare Program, for which the funding was made available in the FY15-16 budget. Therefore, the proposed authorization will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures to the Department of Agriculture.
- According to the University of Tennessee, the proposed bill has no fiscal impact to their system.
- County agriculture extension agents are currently conducting livestock cruelty examinations.
- Any change in local government expenditures as a result of this bill is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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