

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Amends the Livestock Code to provide for registration of facilities and qualified free-roaming horse experts by the Livestock Board; provides for state, county or municipal governments to contract for their services and for control and humane management of free-roaming horse herd populations, including fertility management, except where preempted by federal or tribal authority; provides for rulemaking; prohibits slaughter or export for slaughter of free-roaming horses; removes provision for “wild horses” and “Spanish colonial horses” from the code; establishes fines and penalties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal impact for DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues for DPS.

Free-roaming horses pose a serious risk to motorists. Horses wandering on public roads can cause accidents that may lead to injury or even death, both for animals and humans. By allowing humane management and relocation of these horses, the bill reduces the risk of such incidents.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No significant issues for DPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications for DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflicts for DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues for DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other Substantive issues for DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives for DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

No Amendments for DPS.

