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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Dines/Lopez **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HJM** 3

SHORT TITLE Animal Violence & Family Violence Training **SB** _____

ANALYST Klundt

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 3 (HJM3) requests the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) consider training providers in both departments on the link between cruelty towards animals and interfamilial violence, noting the common co-occurrence of these conditions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

As no training regarding the link between cruelty towards animals and interfamilial violence is currently provided by CYFD and DPS, additional staff time and operating resources to develop and provide this training would be required. It is unknown how long it may take each department to develop and provide the training, however, the average cost for FTE in the Protective Services Program of CYFD for FY17 was \$68.8 thousand annually, or \$33 per hour.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD previously stated that 65 percent of abused adult family members are unable to leave their abuser because they are afraid a pet may be abused. Further, CYFD stated that “In a review of the literature, the American Humane Association reports that 68 percent of battered women reported violence occurred toward their animals and 87 percent of these incidents occurred in the presence of the women to psychologically control and coerce them. Pets may suffer unexplained injuries, health problems, permanent disabilities at the hands of abusers, or disappear from home.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund indicates, as do the preambles to this memorial, that abusers of animals are five times more likely to harm other humans as those who do not abuse animals (aldf.org). The correlation applies to both adults and children in families where animal abuse occurs – both the adults and the children may be either the abusers or the abused or both.

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