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Research Analysis

The committee substitute provides that the owner of animal from the canidae or felidae family will be liable for damages caused to livestock by the animals including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses. Animal control officers may seize animals without a warrant if the animal continues to run at large; if the officer has probable cause to believe the dog is a dangerous dog and a threat to livestock or people or if the owner fails to meet requirements in statute related to registration, insurance and enclosure. The court may issue an order requiring seizure upon the start of any civil action. Cost for seizure and confinement will be the responsibility of the owner or the nonprevailing party in any court action. Potentially dangerous dog is defined as a dog that unprovoked on more than one occasion was chasing or was a threat to livestock or people. Dangerous dog is defined as a dog that when unprovoked killed or injured livestock or was previously found to be a potentially dangerous dog and continues to be found chasing or being a threat.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute for Engrossed SB402 has no fiscal impact on state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.