

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB402
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Research Analysis

The measure 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. It also is unlawful for the owner of any such animal to permit it to run at large off the owner's property if the animal has killed or injured livestock when unprovoked and running at large, or has created a threat of injury or death to livestock or people when running at large. Those convicted of violations will be found guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail or a fine of up to \$5,000. Animal control officers may seize animals and may do so without a warrant if the animal continues to run at large or if a threat to livestock continues to exist. All other seizures require a warrant. 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.

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Fiscal Analysis

Engrossed SB402 has no fiscal impact on state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.