

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1580
Version:	Introduced
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Author:	Rep. Dollens
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Research Analysis

HB1580, as introduced, prohibits dog owners from chaining or tethering a dog outside for longer than five hours a night, unless the dog is attended by its owner or keeper. The use of logging chains, or other devices not designed for tethering dogs, are also prohibited.

The measure lists requirements for confining dogs outside, and requires confined dogs to have access to clean water and appropriate shelter. Dog owners or keepers may not leave a dog outside during a weather advisory, warning, or watch. The measure lists exceptions for camping and recreational areas and dogs that are actively engaged in herding livestock.

Dog owners and keepers may not subject a dog to filthy confinement conditions as defined in the measure, and may not harm confined dogs or subject them to attacks from other animals.

Lastly, the measure lists penalties for violations.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1580 is enforceable by municipalities whose processes will likely vary. Additionally, the fines are not revenue generating fines, but meant as a punishment for those who violate this measure. Therefore, HB 1580 should not create a fiscal impact for the State.

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Other Considerations

None.