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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: _____ *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB080 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: <u>AS Lopez</u>	Agency Name and Code <u>CYFD - 690</u>
Short Title: <u>DOMESTIC ABUSE DEFINITIONS</u>	Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill amends the Family Violence Protection Act to expand the definition of abuse in the context of domestic and intimate partner violence to include battery, assault, intimidation, kidnapping, false imprisonment, restriction or prohibition of movements, interference with communication, exploitation, damage or deprivation to household or partner's property, harm or threatened harm to an animal, the distribution of sensitive images, and threats concerning a survivor's immigration status; and to clarify the court's ability to address the question of primary ownership or responsibility for an animal in an order of protection.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained within this bill. The expanded definitions of what constitutes abuse in the context of domestic and intimate partner violence may result in an increased number of individuals requiring services, including shelter services, or batterer intervention and violence intervention programs. CYFD cannot at this time estimate any fiscal implication for the agency as a result of the possible expansion of this service population.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The expansion and clarification of what constitutes abuse in the context of domestic and intimate partner violence will expand the ability of law enforcement and the courts to identify and properly respond to domestic and intimate partner violence, as the expansion and clarification includes not just overt criminal acts (kidnapping, exploitation) but the less overt controlling acts which might otherwise be minimized (deprivation of household property, restriction of movement, interference with communication).

In some instances, victims of violence are deterred from leaving due to unknowns about what will happen to family pets. The addition of language allowing the court to make dispositional findings regarding pets will likely have a positive impact on abuse victims and encourage them to file under this Act.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures related to the safety and well-being of children which will benefit from a more robust community response to domestic and intimate partner violence.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for CYFD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to SB085, SB090, SB094, HB130.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed.