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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 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}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 24, 2024

Bill No: HB 191

Sponsor: Tara L. Lujan, Joseph Sanchez;
Cynthia Borrego
Short Title: Animal Welfare Funding Act

Agency Name and Code Number: Regulation and Licensing Department
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
N/A	10,000	Recurring	From the General Fund to the new Animal Welfare Trust Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI		

(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: House Bill 191 (HB191) creates a new Animal Welfare Funding Act as well as a new Animal Welfare Trust Fund (a non-reverting fund) and the Animal Welfare Grant Fund (funds remaining in the Grant Fund at the end of the fiscal year are to revert to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund). Pursuant to the bill, applications may be filed by qualifying entities to seek grants for projects relating to domestic cats, dogs and equines in order to pay for a wide variety of types of construction projects, equipment, vehicles, services or programs that would be utilized to provide care, shelter and comfort to the three identified types of animals as well as other related purposes. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) is put in charge of developing the grant applications and processes as well as making determinations on grant awards made under the Act. HB191 also provides the DFA with rulemaking authority to carry out the purposes of the new Act. HB141 calls for annual distributions to be made from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to the Animal Welfare Grant Fund with the Grant Fund then utilized to make annual grant awards under the Act. HB191 provides for an appropriation of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the General Fund to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund in FY25 and subsequent years to carry out the purposes of the Animal Welfare Funding Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- There are no fiscal implications to RLD from HB141.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- There are no administrative implications with respect to RLD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS