

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB725
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

The PCS to SB 725 creates the Canine Cooperative Grant Program under the Department of Environmental Quality. The Program shall provide financial assistance for state, county, and municipal law enforcement and fire departments entities for the acquisition and training of law enforcement canines, search and rescue and recovery canines. The Program may also assist in the medical expenses related to injuries sustained by the canines in the line of duty. The Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to retain 5% of the monies provided to the Program for administrative purposes. The measure limits grants to not more than \$10,000 per year.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure creates the Canine Cooperative Grant Program for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The DEQ does not have information on how many entities might be eligible or choose to take advantage of the Canine Cooperative Grants, though the agency estimates that a program like this could require two Full Time Equivalent Employees at a cost of approximately \$126,000 to administer the program. SB725 does not specify funding for the program, however the Executive Director of the DEQ is authorized to retain 5% of the proceeds of the fund, annually, to be used for administering the program. Whether that 5% administrative allowance would cover the administrative expenses of the program depends on the number of applications received and the amount accruing to the fund.

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Other Considerations

None.