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SB-1446

AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the penalty to owners of roaming dogs from an infraction to a fine up to \$350 for a first violation, a fine up to \$500 for a second violation, and a class C misdemeanor for subsequent violations. This results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines.¹ On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

¹ In FY 24, 1,256 charges were recorded and \$50,332 in associated revenue collected under CGS § 22-364(a).

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

continue into the future subject to inflation and the actual violations.