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**S.B. 60**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Passed by the Senate

**Primary Sponsors:** Sens. Huffman and Wilkin

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The bill has no fiscal impact on the state, specifically the Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM), or political subdivisions. It gives licensed veterinarians statutory authority to practice veterinary medicine via telehealth, a service which is already offered by many veterinary practices. The one major change is that the bill allows for a veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) to be initiated through an examination in real time via a telehealth consultation, with the exception of livestock raised for human food products. In this case, a VCPR must still be established in person, although “tele-advice” service may be provided. The bill also allows licensed veterinarians to prescribe drugs or medication via telehealth consultation if certain conditions are met. Finally, the bill states that nothing in the bill’s provisions governing telehealth services may be construed to invalidate or overrule laws governing high-volume dog breeders and pet stores.