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**SB 163 - Sponsor Statement**  
**ANIMAL ADOPTION RECORDS**

**“An Act relating to animal adoption and foster care records.”**

When an animal is impounded in Alaska by animal control or shelters, the animal may be made available for adoption or fostered after the appropriate holding time. These animal adoption and foster care records may contain names, phone numbers or physical addresses of a person who has adopted or is providing foster care for an animal. Currently several local governments possess exemptions for animal adoption records as detailed within their municipal codes. However, not all municipalities have the same public record exemptions for animal adoption or fostered care. Recently there has been a call to implement statewide privacy protections for those who adopt or foster an animal from a shelter. It is the purpose of SB 163 to make personal identifying information of a person who has adopted or is providing foster care for an animal exempted from the public record requests under Alaska’s Public Records Act.

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