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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER EACH COUNTY  
SHOULD ADMINISTER A PERMIT PROGRAM FOR LARGE SCALE DOG  
BREEDERS.

1           WHEREAS, there are an estimated four thousand puppy mills  
2 in the United States that breed more than a half-million puppies  
3 each year; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the large scale breeding of dogs is often  
6 conducted under conditions that inflict long-term suffering on  
7 the dogs; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the large scale breeding of dogs may lead to the  
10 sale of unhealthy dogs to unsuspecting consumers; and  
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12           WHEREAS, many of the puppies for sale in pet shops are the  
13 offspring of dogs maintained by large scale breeders in brutal  
14 conditions; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the few states where puppy mills  
17 are allowed to flourish because of a lack of permitting and  
18 buyer recourse; and  
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20           WHEREAS, recent news reports have identified a major puppy  
21 mill operation located in Waimanalo; and  
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23           WHEREAS, establishing a permit program for large scale dog  
24 breeders would help prevent cruelty to dogs and protect  
25 consumers; and  
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27           WHEREAS, a permit program would provide, at minimum, for  
28 inspection of the breeding facility to ensure adequacy and  
29 cleanliness, information regarding the number of puppies born,  
30 and the payment of licensing fees; and  
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1 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1192, introduced during the Regular  
2 Session of 2011, requires that, in order to operate a large  
3 scale dog breeding operation, a person shall possess a valid dog  
4 breeder permit issued by the appropriate county animal control  
5 officer or agency; and  
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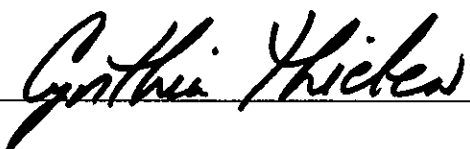
7 WHEREAS, under section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
8 measures that would subject unregulated professions and  
9 occupations to licensing or other regulatory controls cannot be  
10 enacted unless the Auditor has conducted a sunrise review of the  
11 specific measure identified through a concurrent resolution;  
12 now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
16 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
17 perform a sunrise review of the regulation of large scale dog  
18 breeders by the various counties as contemplated under H.B. No.  
19 1192, introduced during the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
22 submit to the Legislature a report on any findings and  
23 recommendations, including proposed legislation, not later than  
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
25 2012; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the  
29 mayor and the chairperson of the legislative body of each  
30 county.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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