
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW TO DETERMINE
WHETHER LARGE SCALE DOG BREEDERS SHOULD BE LICENSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

1 WHEREAS, the large scale breeding of dogs is often
2 conducted under conditions that inflict long-term suffering on
3 the dogs; and

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5 WHEREAS, the large scale breeding of dogs may lead to the
6 sale of unhealthy dogs to unsuspecting consumers; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State currently does not regulate the breeding
9 of dogs; and

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11 WHEREAS, establishing a licensing requirement for large
12 scale dog breeders would help prevent cruelty to dogs and
13 protect consumers; and

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15 WHEREAS, a breeder license would provide, at minimum, for
16 inspection of the breeding facility to ensure adequacy and
17 cleanliness, a process for investigation, and the payment of
18 licensing fees; and

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20 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1621, introduced during the Regular
21 Session of 2011, requires that, to operate a large scale dog
22 breeding operation, a person shall possess a valid dog breeder
23 license issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer
24 Affairs; and

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26 WHEREAS, under section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
27 measures that would subject unregulated professions and
28 occupations to licensing or other regulatory controls cannot be
29 enacted unless the Auditor has conducted a sunrise review of the
30 specific measure identified through a concurrent resolution;
31 now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
4 perform a sunrise review of the regulation of large scale dog
5 breeders by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as
6 contemplated under H.B. No. 1621, introduced during the Regular
7 Session of 2011; provided that the review include an assessment
8 of alternative agencies that may be tasked with regulating large
9 scale dog breeders; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
12 submit to the Legislature a report on any findings and
13 recommendations, including proposed legislation, no later than
14 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
19 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

