SB1522

Measure

Title:

RELATING TO DOGS.

Report

Title:

Dogs; Large-Scale Dog Breeding; Regulation

Description:

Enacts the large scale dog breeder regulation Act to require a license and to regulate large-scale dog breeding operations.

Companion:

Package:

None

Current

Referral:

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PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1522, RELATING TO DOGS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Acting Licensing Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1522, Relating to Dogs.

Senate Bill No. 1522 creates a new chapter to regulate large dog breeders.

Section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that new regulatory measures being considered for enactment be referred to the Auditor for a sunrise analysis before any measure is enacted. The statute further requires that the analysis shall set forth the

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probable effects of regulation, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the legislative policies of the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, and assess alternative forms of regulation.

Therefore, the Department strongly supports a sunrise study on this measure, as mandated by law, before regulating large dog breeders. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1522.

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THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR SENATE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Twenty-sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawai'i

February 15, 2011

RE: S.B. 1522; RELATING TO DOGS.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1522.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a licensing requirement for large scale dog breeders to regulate the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, handling, and treatment of dogs by large scale breeders to ensure that the dogs are provided with humane care and treatment; and protect the public from purchasing unhealthy dogs. The bill also allows for inspection by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to ensure compliance, and provides civil and criminal penalties for violations of the law.

For these reasons, we support the passage of H.B. 1522. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



February 14, 2011

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: AKC has strong concerns with Senate Bill 1522

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

The American Kennel Club writes on behalf of responsible dog owners in Hawaii to express strong concerns with Senate Bill 1522.

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a non-partisan, not-for-profit purebred dog registry and educational organization dedicated to promoting responsible dog ownership, advocating for dogs as family companions, advancing canine health and well-being, and working to protect the rights of all responsible dog owners. The AKC represents over 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 46 clubs in the state of Hawaii.

We object to the findings of SB 1522 which state: "The large scale breeding of dogs is often conducted under conditions that can inflict long-term suffering on the dogs and may also lead to the sale of unhealthy dogs to unsuspecting consumers." This statement is unsubstantiated and impugns the integrity of responsible dog breeders in Hawaii.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) abhors the mistreatment of animals and is very concerned about dogs that are kept in cruel, neglectful conditions. We support full enforcement of current Hawaii Revised Statutes §711-1100, 711-1108.5 and 711-1109, which provide for the prosecution of animal cruelty.

Concerns with SB 1522 include:

- Includes vague definitions and low regulatory thresholds This bill would require licensing as a "large-scale dog breeder" by:
 - o Owners of 20 or more intact female dogs or 30 intact dogs of either sex over the age of six months that are "intended for breeding." There is no definition of how intent is determined.
 - o Persons who sell 25 or more offspring of breeding female dogs in any one-year period. For owners of large breeds, this 25 puppy threshold could be exceeded with two litters, and would trigger the requirement for licensing even if no puppies were sold in prior and succeeding years.
 - o Issuance of a license would require prior approval of the appropriate county department of planning and permitting. Under the definitions in this bill, there would be no differentiation between a hobby breeder operating from home and a large commercial kennel.

- Establishes arbitrary requirements This bill would establish numerous requirements for dog care, housing and enclosures that do not take into account a dog's breed, age, or condition. Strict requirements such as "constant and unfettered access to an outdoor exercise area" could prove lethal to an aged or ill dog and would prevent a responsible owner from confining dogs indoors in the evenings so that barking and other noises do not create a nuisance.
- Provides for adoption of additional rules subject to excessive civil penalties This bill provides for civil penalties of \$1,000 a day for licensing violations and \$1,000 per dog for violations of current and future rules as determined by the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
 - The AKC recommends that oversight and rulemaking for animal breeding should fall under the jurisdiction of a department with expertise in animal husbandry such as the Department of Agriculture.
 - o The AKC strongly advocates that any measure that requires the adoption of rules for dog breeding facilities and dog care should also require participation in the rulemaking process by experienced dog breeders. Input is needed from dog owners who are knowledgeable about breeding, raising and maintaining the various breeds of dogs.
- Allows for unannounced inspections This bill would provide for unannounced inspections and "free and unimpeded access" during business hours of areas in which dogs are kept, handled or transported, with no limitations regarding the inspection of private homes where dogs are kept. This is particularly egregious to hobby breeders who raise puppies within the home.

The creation of additional bureaucracy and cost for taxpayer in Hawaii is not warranted based on infrequent cases of animal abuse by irresponsible dog owners that can be resolved under existing laws. When conditions of abuse or neglect are found, animal abusers can be dealt with effectively through strict enforcement of existing cruelty laws, regardless of the reproductive status of the dogs or the number owned.

We respectfully urge the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection to reject Senate Bill 1522, and instead focus on full enforcement of current animal cruelty laws.

The AKC and our dog clubs in Hawaii would welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop effective, responsible legislation and public education programs designed to promote and encourage responsible dog ownership.

Sincerely,

Sheila Goffe

Government Relations Director

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CC: Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection



TO: Honorable Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 2-15-11, 900am, Rm 229

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1522; Relating to Dogs

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States, P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@hsus.org, 808-922-9910

Dear Honorable Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members,

On behalf of our more than 49,400 members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for considering this important measure to protect both dogs and consumers, and **urge your support with consideration of one amendment, below**. Our organization has been involved in efforts in sixteen states that have passed similar laws in the past 2 years to prevent cruel treatment and exploitation of dogs, where sadly, profit is all too often put above welfare.

The purpose of this bill is to require that large-scale dog breeding operations be licensed and provide each dog under their care with basic food and water, adequate shelter from the elements, necessary veterinary care, adequate space to turn around and stretch his or her limbs, access to space for critical exercise and adequate rest between breeding cycles. These most basic requirements are found in a number of state laws, but sorely lacking in Hawaii.

We request one additional amendment which appears to have been inadvertently left out of the Senate version, to include the below. This most modest but necessary addition helps to prevent the conditions often found where large numbers of adult dogs used for breeding are subject to inhumane conditions. Furthermore, given that some breeds of dogs may produce litters of upward of 10 puppies, without this provision one could potentially attempt to house hundreds of dogs, increasing the likelihood of illness, disease and other health and welfare concerns:

A licensee shall not harbor more than fifty dogs over the age of six months on the premises at any time.

Animal Welfare Concerns:

Dogs at puppy mills, also known as large scale commercial breeding operations, typically receive little to no medical care, often live in squalid conditions with no exercise, socialization or human interaction and are confined inside cramped wire cages for life. Breeding dogs must endure constant breeding cycles and are typically confined for years on end, without ever becoming part of a family. The breeding "stock" live their entire lives confined to small cages, devoid of human companionship. They are often victims of filth, inadequate shelter, overcrowding, and insufficient food and water. They are bred repeatedly and often receive little or no veterinary

care.

Furthermore, many of these large-scale dog breeding operations continue to produce litter after litter of puppies, exacerbating the pet overpopulation crisis; contributing to increased euthanasia rates at local animal shelters and increasing animal care and control costs for taxpayers.

Consumer Protection Concerns:

Dogs from these large-scale breeders are often sold in pet stores, online, via newspaper ads and in some cases directly to consumers with little to no regard for the dog's health, genetic history or future welfare. Puppies are often taken from their mothers for sale to pet stores at approximately 8 weeks of age, when they are highly susceptible to contagious diseases such as parvovirus and are very sensitive to behavioral stress. Poor breeding practices can also lead to serious genetic problems such as hip dysplasia—an often painful and crippling disorder.

In addition, many unknowing consumers also purchase dogs with "Registry Papers" thinking that this ensures the health or temperament of the dog they are purchasing. However, the American Kennel Club (AKC), by its own admission, has stated that AKC papers, "in no way indicate the quality or state of health of the dog." No one should believe a dog is well-socialized, genetically sound, or healthy simply because he or she comes with registry papers. In several states, laws even mandate that consumers must be told that these registry papers do not guarantee health or even lineage. Unfortunately, consumers mistakenly believe that a high price for a dog means that the dog is healthy and well-socialized,

Again, we urge your support of SB1522 and these most basic requirements to better protect dogs and consumers alike.



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: Testimony on SB 1522

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection;

We strongly support passage of SB 1522, which establishes the regulation of large- scale dog breeders.

With no law to specifically address these types of businesses, dogs live in cruel and inhumanc conditions until they are no longer profitable to the breeder and are discarded. The purpose of this act is to ensure that dogs are provided with humane care and treatment as well as to protect the public from purchasing dogs that come from an inhumanc environment.

The act would regulate businesses that have 20 or more intact female dogs over the age of six months; or who have a total of 30 intact dogs that are 6 months or older; or sells 25 or more puppies within a year.

These large scale breeders would be required to be licensed and this Bill establishes minimum standards of care that includes: veterinary care, maximum allowed breeding within an 18 month period, space requirements, exercise and access by inspectors at any reasonable time during regular business hours.

We would like to suggest that the bill be amended to include a <u>maximum</u> of 50 intact dogs,

We ask for your unwavering support of SB 1522.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Sincerely Yours,

Pamela Burns President and CEO February 14, 2011

Testimony – SB 1522, Large-Scale Dog Breeder Regulation

SUPPORT

Hearing Date - February 15, 2011 -

Room 229 - 9:00 A.M.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker - Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi – Vice Chair

This type of legislation is long past due. We have had a horrible example of exactly what happens, right here in Honolulu, without proper regulation.

Please pass this Bill with the strictest rules possible. The dogs and puppies have no voice and we must not abandon them.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Ginger Towle - President

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SB1522, Relating to Dogs CPN; Chair, Sen Baker

STRONG SUPPORT!

Our community has had so many incidents of breeder abuse of dogs that this bill is long overdue. Please pass this bill in order to protect hundreds of innocent dogs from the selfish abuse by unscrupulous breeders.

Fortunately, not all breeders are unscrupulous. Many would never consider abusing their dogs with substandard accommodations and multiple breedings each year. They will not be testifying against this bill!

The breeders who WILL be opposed, however, are the ones who can be so cruel and callous as to ignore basic rights that all people who love their animals would never engage in, such as cramped, inhumane living arrangements and multiple breedings per year until a dog's health and welfare is destroyed.

Some of these breeders will claim that this bill is violating their rights. Here are the "rights" they want to preserve: The right to abuse their animals, the right to make money from their animals without paying the taxes, the right to thumb their noses on honest and conscientious breeders and all other folks who are willing to follow the law and also to not abuse others when the law is unclear.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Aloha, joel

Dr. Joel Fischer, ACSW Professor (Ret.) University of Hawai'i, School of Social Work Henke Hall Honolulu, HI 96822

"It is reasonable that everyone who asks justice should DO justice." Thomas Jefferson

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never, never, never quit." Winston Churchill

It is better to be "over the hill" than under it. Anonymous

Aloha, Senator Baker and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. I strongly support Senate Bill 1522, Relating to Dogs because it: (1) requires licensing of large-scale dog breeders who would have to adhere to standards for humane treatment of the dogs used for breeding and (2) allows for unannounced inspections. This bill would help to ensure that humane treatment of the dogs used for large-scale breeding would be part of the financial profiting of selling their puppies. Furthermore, this bill benefits consumers who think they are buying healthy puppies. Inhumane treatment of dogs used for breeding, including neglect to provide necessary veterinary care, often results in the birth of unhealthy puppies who are then sold to consumers. Hawaii has been a leader in legislation for the humane treatment of animals, thanks to lawmakers like you. Please keep Hawaii in the forefront of this important endeavor by supporting this bill. Thank you.

Jennifer Chiwa

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February 11, 2011

Hawaiian Government Hawaii

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support judgment against the puppy mills in Hawaii. A friend of mine purchased a puppy in one of those mills in order to rescue it from deplorable conditions. Animals are precious and they are dependent upon decent human beings to take care of them and ensure their well being. Animals are helpless to what we will either inflict upon them or bless them with, so only responsible people should be granted the privilege to have power over them. Diane L. Judd/North Carolina

To Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair & Members of the Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee.

I support SB 1522 because I believe that such "businesses" as puppy mills require regulation to ensure humane treatment of all involved animals. We want reassurance and reinforcement that the dogs' quality of life is not overseen and sacrificed in the face of profits. Otherwise, people have been and/or will be encouraged to neglect the needs of the dogs. Humane treatment is, at the very least, what these dogs deserve, considering that they are being used to specifically benefit the owner(s).

Please pass this bill, as it would mark a huge step against animal cruelty.

Thank you,

Katherine Lau 4509 Waikui St. Honolulu, HI 96821

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: MARC BAXLEY Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/13/2011

Comments:

I AM IN FULL SUPPORTT OF THIS BILL. SO MANY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE STIGMATIZED AFTER BUYING THEIR " CUTE LITTLE DARLING PET" FROM AN UNSCRUPULOUS BREEDER AND/OR PET STORE OWNER. THE PUBLIC CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO HAVE THESE " PUPPY MILLS" STAY IN OPERATION, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE CONDITIONS THEY RAISE THESE ANIMALS IN. WE'VE ALL SEEN THEM EXPOSED IN THE MEDIA, YEAR AFTER YEAR! THINK OF YOUR OWN CHILDREN AND FAMILY WHO HAVE BEEN CHEATED OUT OF PRECIOUSLY EARNED DOLLARS - AND AT WHAT EXPENSE? WHEN THE VET BILLS START ADDING UP AND THE PETS (FOR THE MOST PART) DO NOT SURVIVE. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THINK OF HOW MANY PETS ARE JUST TURNED LOOSE AND MADE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES -THEY NORMALLY WILL NOT SURVIVE, AND THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF THESE POOR CREATURES INFECTING OUR OWN DOMESTICATED ANIMALS - NOT TO MENTION THE HUMAN PAIN AND SUFFERING CAUSED BY A RABID ANIMAL - ALL OF WHICH COULD BE PREVENTED BY SHUTTING DOWN THE PUPPY/KITTY MILLS THAT FLOURISH BECAUSE NOBODY TAKES THE TIME TO GIVE A DAMN - " IT'S NOT ANY OF MY CONCERN, AND I'M NOT AFFECTED, BECAUSE I DON'T BUY THOSE KIND OF ANIMALS WHO ARE RAISED SO CRUELLY"! BULL-CORN-CRACKY TO THAT ATTITUDE!!!CONGRESSMEN AND WOMEN - PLEASE WAKE UP AND PASS THIS LAW ONCE AND FOR ALL. THE AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MISERY THESE BREEDERS AND PET STORE OWNERS CAUSE - BUT THEN WHO CARES? IT'S NO MONEY OUT OF YOUR POCKET AM I RIGHT? PLEASE, JUST PASS THE SB-1522... WE WILL ALL BENEFIT BY THE ACTION YOU TAKE IN PASSING THIS LONG OVER-DUE BILL! WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I REMAIN ALWAYS A TRUE DEFENDER OF WHAT'S RIGHT FOR AMERICANS - SINCERELY AND MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, I'M YOUR SERVANT! SIGNED.

Marc Baxley - Citizen of the United States of America - and long may our Banner wave!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, AND THE U.S.of A!

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Roger Meier Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/13/2011

Comments:

> SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS:

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> 2) A \$2500 penalty be applied to a large scale breeder operating without a license, regardless of breeding conditions. This will help control the number of non-reputable breeders in the state and minimize the number of animals that find their way into shelters and eventually put down.

> 3) As part of the cease and desist order, the large scale breeder be given 30 days in which to make the proper corrections to the facility, obtain a license if one did not exist and provide proper veterinary care to animals. If breeder does not meet ALL requirements for large scale operation within that period of time, the breeder will be shut down. Under supervision of the Director or Director's designee, Breeder will then be responsible for finding homes for each animal ensuring that each animal is treated properly according to best veterinary practices.

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The purpose of this bill is two-fold: to protect the interests of consumers and the interests of the animals. With no state law currently regulating these types of commercial breeders, consumers can unknowingly purchase a dog from a business that treats animals as mere commodities. The result can be hidden medical or behavioral problems, including problems resulting from years of inbreeding, which end up costing the consumer more than they bargained for.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: George Peabody

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Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

Support SB1522, but put REAL TEETH style Enforcement terms with penalties to match suffering of animals.

The purpose of the bill is to ensure that dogs who are handled by large-scale breeders be provided with basic food and water, adequate shelter from the elements, necessary veterinary care, adequate space, and regular exercise. The bill also contains provisions for enforcement and both civil and criminal penalties with violations applied for each dog.

MANonline http://www.MolokaiAdvertiserNews.com reports on animal abuses in Hawaii, and this law could help reduce animal abuses. Mahalos, George Peabody editor for MAN since 1984

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: James Yamanaka Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

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Testifier position: comments only Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Guy Kitashiro Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

Unknowingly, I purchased my dog from a Bradley Hawaiian Puppies; it's the puppy mill in Waimanalo that was aired on TV last year with 'hidden' video showing deplorable conditions. I say unknowingly because I purchased my dog from an individual in Kailua (who I later discovered was a part owner in the Bradley Hawaiian Puppies).

My dog was not properly socialized (this information was provided to me by the seller). I found out later what this means in terms of dog behavior. After seeing the news piece and the very unsatisfactory kennel conditions the puppies were kept in, it wasn't supprising that my dog was basically not properly cared for during her first 8 weeks of life.

These types of facilities need to be inspected on a regular basis and regulated by responsible breeding guidelines. The AKC would probably be a good source of breeding guidelines.

I spent a lot of time on my dog's behavioral issues that have arisen due to not being properly socialized during the critical first 8 weeks. And according to the AKC and others, certain social dog behaviors can only be 'patterned' in the initial 8 weeks. Since certain breeders don't seem concerned about selling well raised puppies, they need to be regulated so that the dogs they sell aren't 'damaged goods'.

I support Senate Bill 1522 which provides for the regulation of the large-scale breeding of dogs. Animals must not be allowed to suffer at the hands of their owners. We must all speak out and do whatever we possibly can to ensure that innocent animals are protected. As compassionate human beings, we must ensure that they will be provided (at a minimum) the basic necessities to live healthy lives without needless suffering. This includes shelter from the elements, necessary veterinary care, fresh food and water, sanitary adequate living space and regular exercise.

I support provisions for enforcement of both civil and criminal penalties with violations applied for each dog with this bill.

Consumers will also be protected by this bill because the puppies sold by these breeders will be less prone to health and emotional problems.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. —Mahatma Gandhi

Yvonne Abang

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To Whom It May Concern,

Aloha. I am a law abiding citizen of the beautiful state of Hawaii. Ever since I moved here in 2002, I have drastically changed my lifestyle and the way I view my life. Seeing the lack of education and unawareness of the ethical treatment of the aina, animals, and the people of Hawaii has made me become a better person. I used to turn away at an abused child, elder, animal or trash and walk on by just like most people. However, after seeing so much abuse, ignorance & disrespect, I can no longer ignore the negativity that I see. People seem to view animals as material objects that they can throw away when they no longer want the responsibility or throw cigarette butts out the window and leave plastic bottles on the beach. I see this as disrespect for the aina & all livings things. I believe we as a human species should educate each other and help each other for a brighter future for many many future generations to come. I also believe there are general customary morals and manners that we should all follow. This includes respecting our elders and animals & being conscious of our carbon footprints on this beautiful aina that we are so fortunate to live on. Please pass and support S.B. 1522. It is unethical for a human to overly breed another creature, take their babies and sell them for greedy purposes especially when they have to suffer so much emotional and physical pain for reasons they cannot comprehend or control. Please show compassion for dogs and all living creatures for we were all created by God to be loved and live in harmony together. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Lina Moon

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Comments:

This is a very important issue on the islands and everywhere for that matter. As a closed environment breeding more animals leads to overpopulation rapidly, and without limits, people's greed takes precedent over animal welfare. This bill could lead to a decrease in animals in our shelters which would save the county thousands of dollars. More importantly, it would save thousands of lives. Please push this bill. It's one of the most important things I've seen brought up in years.

Testimony Received from Private Individuals SB 1522 Relating to Dogs

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Submitted by: Terry Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I am a hobby breeder that breeds show chihuahuas. I have around 20 dogs so I would be classified as a breeder in this bill. This bill would create undue hardship for hobby breeders such as myself. The amount of outdoor exercise space per dog is much too large for a chihuahua and it would be very cost prohibitive to build an indoor and outdoor kennel space that large for each dog. I think if you are going to try to prevent animal cruelty then the SAME conditions and fines should be imposed upon EVERYONE not just breeders. Can you imagine if you asked any citizen in Hawaii living in a small home on a fixed income to build that standard of indoor/outdoor kennel for their dog? Why should breeders/akc handlers be subjected to expensive rules and fines when it only punishes those who are trying to improve the breed. We are not making money on our dogs. In fact it probably COSTS us money to own, breed and show.

Also there is the undisclosed fee per dog. That is left open and if too expensive, will discourage hobby breeders and show people to own, breed and show their dogs.

I am not against trying to eliminate/regulate puppy mills or true large scale breeders. The large breeders will just move their operations into hiding on islands such as the Big Island where regulations are harder to enforce. I do not think this bill will be effective in eliminating puppy mills and I urge you to vote NO.

However, if this bill does pass, I feel that this bill needs to be amended to MORE than 30 intact dogs, and also the amount of kennel space and exercise space should be considered by breed of dog. Tiny toy breeds do not need that much space PER dog, or a large communal excercise area should be allowed as long as the dogs have access a certain number of hours per day.