

Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2011 at 9:00 am

RE: Support SCR 111; Sunrise Review of Large-scale Breeders

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

In light of the current legislation regarding puppy-mills and the alleged puppy-mill in Waimanalo, the need for SCR 111 could not be any greater. Regulating large-scale breeding facilities is the first step in fighting animal cruelty. Licensing breeders is necessary for effective regulation of this industry and preventing inhumane treatment of animals and pet overpopulation.

Currently, breeders have no accountability for the welfare of the dogs they breed and sell. This lack of regulation may result in the breeding of dogs in a cruel and inhumane manner under conditions that can inflict long-term suffering on dogs and may also lead to the sale of unhealthy dogs to unsuspecting consumers.

Pet overpopulation is also a major issue. The annual result of large-scale breeding is more puppies in a state where we don't have enough loving homes for the dogs already on island. Regulating large-scale breeding controls the number of puppies born here and gives shelter animals a better chance of adoption.

Thank you for considering this resolution.

Respectfully,

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