
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF LARGE-SCALE DOG BREEDERS AND DOG BREEDING
FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 (2011),
2 proposes to regulate large-scale dog breeders and dog breeding
3 facilities, which are presently unregulated; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the State of Hawaii has
6 no laws regulating the practices of large-scale dog breeders and
7 dog breeding operations; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature also finds that because of the
10 potential commercial gain from the breeding of dogs for use as
11 household pets and the lack of laws regulating such practices,
12 there is a possibility for inhumane treatment of animals in
13 order to maximize profits; and
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15 WHEREAS, inhumane practices may include crowding,
16 insufficient food and water, insufficient space, or insufficient
17 time allowed between breeding cycles; and
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19 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, in addition
20 to prohibiting crowding, insufficient food and water,
21 insufficient space, and insufficient time allowed between
22 breeding cycles, would further require large-scale dog breeders
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- 25 (1) Be licensed with the Department of Commerce and
26 Consumer Affairs as a large-scale dog breeder;
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28 (2) Document their breeding and caretaking practices; and
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30 (3) Agree to allow unannounced inspections conducted by
31 the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or its
32 agents or other law enforcement officers; and



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WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, would provide important provisions for the prevention of animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Auditor to review proposals to regulate professions, vocations, or occupations that are currently unregulated and to assess alternative forms of regulation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is respectfully requested to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of large-scale dog breeders and dog breeding facilities, as proposed under Senate Bill No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 (2011), including an assessment of alternative forms of regulation, pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.