
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON DOG BREEDING.

1 WHEREAS, the residents of Hawaii have the right to purchase
2 healthy dogs raised by responsible breeders; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is committed to preventing dogs from being
5 housed in overcrowded, unhealthy, and inhumane breeding
6 facilities; and

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8 WHEREAS, dog breeding facilities with unsanitary
9 conditions, similar to those discovered at the Bradley
10 International Waimanalo operation in February of 2011, create
11 the potential for soil and groundwater contamination, the spread
12 of zoonotic parasites and diseases, and the sale of sick or
13 dying animals to the public; and

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15 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 (2011), proposed to
16 require the licensing of large-scale commercial dog breeders to
17 ensure that every dog under their care is provided with
18 sufficient food, water, and space; adequate shelter from the
19 elements; necessary veterinarian care; and regular exercise,
20 among other things; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Auditor was requested, in S.C.R. No. 111, S.D.
23 1 (2011), to perform a sunrise analysis on S.B. No. 1522, S.D.
24 2, H.D. 1 (2011); and

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26 WHEREAS, the Auditor performed a sunrise analysis and in
27 Report Number 11-02 found:

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29 (1) That the proponents of S.B. No. 1522, S.D.2, H.D. 1
30 (2011), failed to demonstrate a need for regulation as
31 defined by the sunrise law;



1 (2) That S.B. No. 1522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 (2011), is flawed;
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4 (3) There are available alternatives to protect dogs; and

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6 WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club reported that in 2011,
7 one hundred twenty-eight licensed and sanctioned dog events were
8 held in the State in which 8,130 dogs participated; and

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10 WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club estimates that purebred
11 dogs generate \$3,600,000 in annual spending in Hawaii; and

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13 WHEREAS, members of the Hawaiian Kennel Club, various
14 sporting and performance dog clubs, and Hawaii dog fanciers
15 should participate in drafting legislation to prevent animal
16 abuse and puppy mills based upon their expertise and experience
17 in the breeding and training of dogs; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Commerce
22 and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish a dog breeding
23 task force for the purposes of preventing future instances of
24 animal cruelty by large-scale commercial dogs breeders and
25 protecting the public from purchasing sick and unhealthy dogs;
26 and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
29 Consumer Affairs, or the Director's designee, is requested to
30 serve as the chairperson and to request interested parties to be
31 members of the task force, including:

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33 (1) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;

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35 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives;

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38 (3) Three members representing organizations providing
39 shelter and rescue services to dogs;

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41 (4) Three members representing dog fanciers;

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43 (5) One member representing pet stores that sell dogs;



- 1 (6) One member representing veterinarians who provide
2 medical services to dogs;
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- 4 (7) One member representing a county prosecuting
5 attorney's office;
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- 7 (8) One member representing the Department of Agriculture;
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- 10 (9) One member representing the Department of the Attorney
11 General; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
14 Consumer Affairs is requested to convene the task force
15 immediately upon the adoption of this measure and to terminate
16 its proceedings on June 30, 2013; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
19 consider whether revised legislation or other alternatives will
20 prevent future cases of animal cruelty; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
23 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of the task
24 force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed
25 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
26 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
30 and Consumer Affairs.

