
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER EACH COUNTY SHOULD ADMINISTER A PERMIT PROGRAM FOR LARGE SCALE DOG BREEDERS.

1 WHEREAS, the documented problems associated with the large
2 scale breeding of dogs include over breeding, inbreeding,
3 minimal veterinary care, poor quality of food and shelter,
4 overcrowded cages, unsanitary conditions, and the killing of
5 unwanted animals; and

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

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10 WHEREAS, many of the puppies for sale in pet shops are the
11 offspring of dogs maintained by large scale breeders in brutal
12 conditions; and

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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the few states where puppy mills
15 are allowed to flourish because of a lack of permitting and
16 buyer recourse; and

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18 WHEREAS, establishing a permit program for large scale dog
19 breeders would help reduce cruelty to dogs and protect
20 consumers; and

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22 WHEREAS, a permit program would provide, at minimum, for
23 inspection of the breeding facility to ensure adequacy and
24 cleanliness, information regarding the number of puppies born,
25 and the payment of licensing fees; and

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27 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular
28 Session of 2012, requires that, in order to operate a large
29 scale dog breeding operation, a person shall possess a valid dog
30 breeder permit issued by the appropriate county animal control
31 officer or agency; and



S.C.R. NO. 14

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

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
 10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 11 requested to perform a sunrise review of the regulation of large
 12 scale dog breeders by the various counties as contemplated under
 13 S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular Session of 2012;
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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 17 submit to the Legislature a report on any findings and
 18 recommendations, including proposed legislation, not later than
 19 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 20 2013; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the
 24 mayor and the chairperson of the legislative body of each
 25 county.

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