

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Burdick, Rosenbaum, Bonamici

Nays: George, Girod

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/12, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits possessing, controlling or otherwise having charge of more than 50 sexually intact dogs aged two years or older for primary purpose of reproduction. Requires certain recordkeeping by persons possessing 50 or more sexually intact dogs eight months or older. Makes violation Class B misdemeanor subject to suspended sentence if violation remedied by spaying or neutering. Establishes standards of care for persons possessing 10 or more sexually intact dogs four months or older. Requires on-site oversight if person possesses 75 or more dogs. Creates exceptions for animal control agencies, humane society, shelters, veterinary facilities, boarding kennels and transportation providers. Specifies conditions under which pet dealer must provide refund, replacement, or care reimbursement to dog purchaser if veterinarian determines dog suffers disease or certain congenital disorder. Requires pet retailer to provide certain information to dog purchaser.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training kennels
- Exercise requirements
- Standards of care in commercial breeding operations
- Criminal sanctions for animal abuse
- Cap provisions
- Current animal abuse laws
- Application of provisions to small pet dealer
- Imported dogs
- Hobby breeders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Agencies, entities and persons involved in animal care and control cite examples of perceived inadequate care of dogs in commercial breeding operations. Animal control agencies also report difficulty in enforcing minimum care standards. House Bill 2470A addresses these concerns by specifying standards of care for dealers, breeders, and pet store owners, and limiting the number of sexually intact dogs per commercial breeding operation.